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(Wirephoto)
ADDRESS: President Ronald Reagan addressing a joint session of the U.S. Congress Wednesday.

Wildly cheered

U.S. future rests on plan, Reagan says

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan, wildly cheered as he returned to the public stage, told Congress that his tax and spending cuts are "the only answer we have left" for a sick economy. In his first address Tuesday night since he was shot in an assassination attempt on March 30, the president pronounced his own health much improved, but said the economy is as sick as ever.

Reagan was welcomed by a raucous ovation which left him with "no words to express that greeting." He said his recovery was buoyed by the friendship and love of his fellow citizens since he was shot. At the same time, the president, who showed no evidence whatever of his wound, told the House and Senate they risk public wrath unless his economic package is quickly approved. The president was received with a three-minute ovation of applause, cheers and whistles before he interrupted with, "You wouldn't want to talk me into an encore?"

Haig defends AWACS sale

WASHINGTON, April 29 (RI) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig has defended the administration's plan to sell electronic surveillance planes to Saudi Arabia against a sharp attack by congressional critics at both Democratic and Republican parties.

— the cure which must come."
"The American people now want us to act, and not in half measures," he said in his prepared address. "They demand — and they have earned — a full land comprehensive effort to clean up our economic mess."

Reagan's appearance once more on the public and political battlefield came on his 100th day in office, and he handled it with a broad smile and steady stride down the aisle of the House.

The president added to his prepared text — which focused primarily upon his spending reductions — a plea for his three-year, 30-per cent tax cut, saying the nation faces a choice between "a great big raise in your taxes in this coming year, or, at the worst, a very little increase with the prospect of tax reduction and a balanced budget down the road a ways."

The Congress seemed to have gotten the president's economic message even before he presented it. Earlier in the day, the Senate budget committee approved on a vote of 15-6 a budget blueprint which seemed made to order for the chief executive.

which President Reagan's lifting of the grain embargo against the Soviet Union this week also came under heavy fire.

The proposed sale of five Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft to Saudi Arabia along with equipment to increase the range and firepower of the F-15 fighters has aroused a storm of protest in Congress. The package is expected to go to Congress this summer.

Haig said no date had been set and denied there was any postponement.

U.S.: acts by Israel unilateral Syria, Lebanon determined to end crisis

WASHINGTON, April 29 (Agencies) — The United States "has never given a green light to Israel to undertake any military action in Lebanon," State Department Spokesman Dean Fischer said Wednesday. He was answering reporters' questions concerning remarks Tuesday by Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin, who hinted that the U.S. approved Israeli military operation aimed at restoring the "status quo" in Lebanon.

Fischer added that "it is incumbent on all the countries of the world, including the Soviet Union, to do their best to calm and stabilize the situation in Lebanon."

Meanwhile, in Beirut, Syrian and Lebanese leaders declared their determination to find a solution to the Lebanese conflict despite an unprecedented intervention by Israel Tuesday in support of rightist Christians fighting Syrian forces.

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam left here Wednesday for Damascus, after a 24-hour visit during which he met with Christian "Lebanese Front" leaders to seek an end to violence in Lebanon. Khaddam is to return to Beirut on Sunday to continue discussions aimed at creating dialogue between Christians and Muslims in Lebanon.

Khaddam said he was satisfied with the talks, adding that a working document on the Lebanese crisis will be examined with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis early next week. Khaddam earlier Wednesday met a national movement delegation led by Progressive Socialist leader Walid Jumblatt.

Before leaving Beirut, Khaddam said that he had "found all Lebanese parties determined to put an end to the Lebanese crisis". He added that he had listened to the various points of view and each side had decided to think about the problem for a few days. He said that practical measures would be compiled into a working document to be discussed with President Sarkis.

Asked about the situation in Zahle, Khaddam said that "armed elements" had "provoked" the Syrian-led Arab Deterrent Force. Turning to the Palestinians, the Syrian minister said that once peace was restored in Lebanon "the Lebanese state will rectify bilateral relations existing between the Palestinian resistance and certain Lebanese parties."

Jordan urges halt to canal plan by Israel

AMMAN, April 29 (AP) — King Hussein Wednesday called for the assistance of Arab and world powers to prevent Israel from pushing ahead with plans to construct a canal across the Gaza strip linking the Mediterranean with the Dead Sea.

"Israel is uncovering its hostile intentions to threaten the security and peace in the Arab region and this project will endanger and harm Arab and Jordanian economies and development projects," the Jordanian monarch told the opening session of the fourth Arab conference of oil and mineral resources. The conference is being held in the Jordanian capital and includes ministers from all Arab countries except Egypt.

The Israeli government last month approved the 50-mile-long canal which will run by pipeline under the four-mile-wide Gaza strip occupied in the 1967 Mideast war. Egypt has said the passage through Gaza would violate international law.

Kingdom joins OPEC in \$3b German bond

Schmidt departs; ties not based on arms solely

BONN, April 29 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia will subscribe to a \$3 billion bond issue being launched here under a scheme set up with France, Economy Minister Otto Lambsdorff says in an interview appearing Thursday in the newspaper *Bild Zeitung*.

The minister, who was in Saudi Arabia with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, said members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) would subscribe to the issue, and that the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency was ready to provide further sums.

Schmidt arrived in Abu Dhabi from Riyadh Wednesday afternoon on the second and last leg of his tour of the region. He was welcomed by Sheikh Hamdan Bin Muhammad deputy prime minister.

The chancellor told WAM on arrival that he was "very happy to visit the UAE for the first time and be also eager to learn and gather information," Schmidt said that he will "exchange views with UAE officials on world economic situation."

In a 15-minute statement at Riyadh before leaving for United Arab Emirates, Schmidt said that his visit to Saudi Arabia confirmed the "friendly relations" between the two countries and that they have agreed to widen cooperation on a broad front of political, economic, and financial issues.

Schmidt said the sale of West German arms to the Kingdom was not possible at this time due to the debate in the Federal Republic over its principle not to sell arms to areas of tension outside the NATO alliance.

He said the talks covered this subject according to his desire, and that he briefed the Saudi Arabian side on the principles of his country's weapons policy.

He said no date has been fixed for a final decision but that he wanted a broad majority in the German parliament favoring the sale

Yorkshire Ripper admits killings

LONDON, April 29 (AP) — Truck driver Peter Sutcliffe admitted Wednesday he killed 13 women in a series of brutal slayings blamed by police on the "Yorkshire ripper." On the opening day of Sutcliffe's trial at the Old Bailey Criminal Court, Judge Sir Leslie Boreham said he had "grave anxieties" about the prosecution's apparent willingness to accept the reduced pleas and said a jury should decide.

Sutcliffe, 34, had entered the court faced with 13 counts of murder. He also faced seven charges of attempted murder, to which he pleaded guilty. The judge adjourned the case until Tuesday after a recess in which he heard from prosecutor Sir Michael Havers, Britain's attorney general, and defense lawyer James Chadwin, that a case was being prepared to put before a jury.

The judge's ruling climaxed a 90-minute session that began when Sutcliffe pleaded innocent to the murders of 13 women slain in the north of England between 1975 and 1980, but admitted killing them and pleaded guilty to manslaughter in all 13 cases, citing "diminished responsibility" or lack of full mental competence.

A jury would decide whether to accept Sutcliffe's guilty pleas to manslaughter. Both murder and manslaughter carry a maximum life sentence under British law, but minimum terms are at the judge's discretion. Attorney General had referred to findings of three psychiatrists who had examined Sutcliffe since his Jan. 2 arrest.

The judge ruled that the more than 80 British and foreign journalists in the court could not report on Havers' client for accepting the reduced pleas, on the grounds that this material would influence potential jurors.



(Photo by Muhammad Ibrahim)
PRESS CONFERENCE: Crown Prince Fahd and Helmut Schmidt, the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, at a press conference in Riyadh before Schmidt left for United Arab Emirates Wednesday.

before a decision could be reached, namely from within his own Social Democratic Party. Schmidt added he sympathized with Saudi Arabia's right to purchase the necessary arms to defend itself.

Crown Prince Fahd who attended the press conference said that the Kingdom would be "happy" to receive the arms but that German-Saudi Arabian relations were not based solely on this point. "We have not asked for the arms directly, so there is nothing that would affect our relations," he said.

On the Arab-Israeli dispute, Schmidt repeated the European Economic Community position on the issue as outlined in the Venice declaration last year, stressing its four main points: Affirmation of the Palestinian right to self-determination, the necessity of Palestine Liberation Organization participation in peace talks, withdrawal by Israel from the territories occupied in the 1967 war and the recognition of the right to all countries to exist within secure borders.

Schmidt said it was his personal conviction that the "Palestinians have the right to organize themselves into their own state." He said this position was "positively received" by the Kingdom. Both sides agreed that the United States was essential to any peaceful settlement.

Fahd said the Palestinian issue was the main topic in the political discussions during the visit. He reaffirmed the Saudi Arabian position that the issue is of primary importance to the stability of the Middle East. Both Fahd and Schmidt agreed that neglecting the issue might lead to greater Soviet influence in the region.

"No one can deny the Palestinians their

right to self-determination and the return of their occupied territories," the Crown Prince said. He added that no solution was possible without the participation of the PLO. "To talk to the Palestinians, you have to talk to the PLO because they are the sole representative," he said.

The two men also mentioned the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan with the Crown Prince calling for the return of the Afghan refugees to their homeland and the establishment of a legal government there. Schmidt said the two countries also agreed to work toward ensuring the security of Pakistan and Turkey by continuing their financial support of the two key Islamic states and added other countries should join them.

Tuesday night, Schmidt met with the Minister of Finance and Economy Sheikh Mubammad Abu Al-Khail. They discussed Saudi Arabia's greater participation in the International Monetary Fund and increased direct aid to third world countries.

Schmidt later met with Oil Minister Shelkh Ahmad Zaki Yamani who briefed the chancellor on Saudi Arabia's oil production and pricing policies.

Aden minister ousted

BEIRUT, April 29 (AP) — South Yemeni Defense Minister Col. Ali Antar has been ousted from his post and his membership in the politburo of the Yemeni Socialist Party suspended, an independent Lebanese daily reported Wednesday. An-Nahar quoting unidentified Arab sources in Beirut, said Antar returned from a visit to India and protested strongly against the execution last month of former Foreign Minister Muhammad Saleh Moici.

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Emphasizes urban solution

Nazer visits Jubail

JUBAIL, April 29 (SPA) — Planning Minister Hisham Nazer, the vice-chairman of the Jubail and Yanbu Royal Commission, arrived here on a field inspection visit.

The minister is leading the Urban Projects Coordination Committee which comprises Riyadh Mayor Abdullah Al-Naim and Deputy Interior Minister Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji.

Nazer said in a statement Tuesday that the visit aims at witnessing a real, successful and unique experiment in urban development in regard to coordination and costs. He described the experiment as an effective solution to the problems of major cities.

The committee was given a detailed explanation of the system applied in building the city of Jubail and the coordination between the various services in the city. Members of the committee toured Jubail's districts and some of its public works.

The coordination committee was set-up to police receive data bank terminal.

JEDDAH, April 29 (SPA) — Mukkah Governor Prince Majed opened Wednesday the Dana Bank terminal attached to Jeddah's police headquarters. He inspected the advanced equipment at the operations room. Police Commander Brig. Faisal Al-Harethi said that the center will help both the police and other government departments, especially those concerned with public security, to follow up together whatever events take place.

work out solutions for coordination between service projects in the Kingdom's major cities. It includes deputy ministers of Public Works and Housing, Municipal and Rural Affairs, Communications, Posts, Telegraph and Telephones, Industry and Electricity, and Agriculture and Water.

In other separate construction developments, work on the SR 310 million Al-Khobar-Dammam highway has already begun, according to Eastern Province Roads Department Director Sami Fauda. The 16-kilometer highway will have 12 lanes and includes five flyovers, he added.

Construction of the highway was awarded to two national companies with the aim of early completion, set for 24 months. The road will be according to the latest international highway specifications, Fauda said. The Communications Ministry also awarded an SR 107 million contract for building another 12-lane highway from Dammam port to Dhahran. The seven-kilometer road was awarded to a Saudi Arabian firm and is expected to be completed within 24 months. It will comprise three flyovers, Fauda said.

Meanwhile, Medina Water and Sewage Department carried out water and sewage projects that cost SR 215 million in the present fiscal year, according to the department's director general, Adel Shubra said the department's subscribers by the end of the 1980-81 year reached 220,700 and house connections 14,000.

Prayer Times

Thursday	Makkah	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4.26	4.23	3.54	3.38	4.03	4.29
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.18	12.19	11.50	11.37	12.01	12.31
Assr (Evening)	3.40	3.46	3.18	3.08	3.32	4.05
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.47	6.51	6.23	6.12	6.36	7.09
Isba (Night)	8.17	8.21	7.53	7.42	8.06	8.39

FROM THE GULF

MANILA, April 29 (WAM) — A United Arab Emirates special pavilion has been installed as part of the housing and re-construction fair held within the framework of the fourth conference on human settlements now in session here.

The pavilion introduces the UAE experiment in the effects of salt causing buildings' crack and ways to deal with this phenomenon.

UAE Minister of Public Works and Housing Muhammad Khalifa Al Kindi took part in the fair's inaugural ceremony patronized by the Philippines' first lady Emilda Marcos.

The UAE will also take part in Brussels commercial and tourist fair due to be held between May 2 and 12, with the participation of 35 countries. The Arab group attending the fourth international conference on human settlements now in session also decided to introduce a draft resolution condemning the Israelis for failing to implement recommendations adopted by the third conference held in Mexico last

year. The recommendations called upon Israel to better the services and develop the basic infrastructures in Palestine and the occupied Arab territories.

The draft resolution also condemns all countries establishing settlements in others' lands by force. During its meeting held here under the chairmanship of Qatari Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Ali Al-Ansari with the attendance of UAE Minister of public works and housing, the group also decided to officially inform the conference about the latest decision adopted by Arab housing ministers, registering Jerusalem in the committee of civilization heritage, an affiliate to UNESCO.

It also decided to ask the conference to issue a resolution prohibiting the Zionist entity from destroying old buildings and ordering the Israeli government to maintain Jerusalem's civilizational features.

Between Kingdom, Qatar

Joint industrial meeting planned

JEDDAH, April 29 — A meeting of the joint Saudi Arabian-Qatari committee for coordinating petrochemical, iron and steel plans will be held here Saturday May 2 according to an official spokesman of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation.

SABIC, which represents the Kingdom's government, will be led by Abdul Aziz Al Zamel, vice-chairman and managing director; Abdullah Nujaidi, director of marketing; Abdul Mobsen Shahban, director of manpower and training, and Ali Alayed, director

of Jubail rolling mill. A cooperation accord signed earlier this month calls for setting up joint venture projects to develop petrochemical industries. Industry sources said the two countries are determined to avert duplications in the fields of petrochemical industries and have set up joint committees to conduct coordination and feasibility studies in this connection. Initially, the two sides were to explore areas of expansion and spinoff projects for the existing iron and steel mills in the Kingdom, Jubail region and Qatar's Umm Saeed industrial center.

Officials round up illegal residents

JEDDAH, April 29 — Nearly 10,000 illegal immigrants have been rounded up in the Western Region alone during the latest campaign in various towns and villages, according to official sources.

The campaign, the sixth in three years, was launched recently to keep the pressure on those who overstay without the proper papers permitting them to live and work here. Altogether 64,000 persons have been arrested so far and deported. Most of them enter the country on umra or pilgrimage visas and decide to stay longer on search of jobs.

By 1977, the number of "overstayers" had risen so high that it gave cause for alarm as hundreds of thousands of foreign workers roamed the country and worked without permits. The government decided to correct the situation and gave them two months to obtain residence and work permits through

their sponsors. Those who failed to do so were deported immediately. A few thousands disappeared into the country and continued to work.

The government warned them and those who "concealed" them of severe penalties and the campaign was launched to uncover them. Those arrested are detained for a few days and, in cooperation with their embassies, are flown out of the country.

New schools underway

RIYADH, April 29 — The Education Ministry is at present engaged in building 181 schools of different stages in the country according to official sources. It has also put out for tender 200 buildings for education purposes. It will equip and staff them in time for the coming academic year. In the last two years the ministry completed 165 school buildings, the sources said.



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Fund dispenses aid

JEDDAH, April 29 (SPA) — The Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund resumed meetings Tuesday at the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The Fund decided to disburse \$2.4 million among Djibouti, Mali, the Mauritanian Red Crescent Society, Afghan refugees in Pakistan, Muslims of the Philippines, refugees in Sudan, Chadian refugees in Cameroon and victims of Israeli aggression in South Lebanon.

The three-day session which opened Monday is chaired by Dr. Ezzeddin Ibrahim of the United Arab Emirates and attended by Bakary Dramé, OIC assistant secretary general for cultural affairs and the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the other 13 members of the council.

The council also allocated \$700,000 in its new budget as aid for the reconstruction of the Al-Asnam region in Algeria after the earthquake that shook it. Malaysia gave separately 30,000 Malaysian dollars for the victims of the quake, as it contributed 50,000 Malaysian dollars during the last council session for Somalia.

Moreover, the council expressed its satisfaction for the progress in the project of establishing an Islamic university in Niger. It also examined the development of Ahmad Baba center in Timbuktoo, Mali, into a regional institute for Islamic studies; and the Guinea Bissau center to be created. It listened to a report on the Muslim youth camp held in Brazil last November.

The council voiced its satisfaction for existing cooperation between the World Assembly of Muslim Youth in Riyadh (WAMY) and the OIC General Secretariat. It also decided to organize similar camps in Hong Kong, Australia, Great Britain, Canada,

Health meetings set

RIYADH, April 29 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussain Al-Jazzeri will leave Riyadh Monday for Geneva to attend the 34th session of the World Health Organization (WHO). The meetings, starting Monday, will discuss health issues, including common diseases and their treatment. Arab health ministers will hold a separate meeting May 5, to coordinate their countries' health policies.

Morocco, and Kenya in cooperation with WAMY. The camps will take place in 1981. It further decided to organize a seminar on Islam and Science in Paris in cooperation with UNESCO. The ISF will also help in the holding of a study seminar on Islamic economy in cooperation with the International Association of Islamic Banks. The meeting resumes Wednesday morning.

Meanwhile, Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal, president of the International Association of Islamic Banks, gave a dinner at his palace here Tuesday in honor of the delegates attending the council meetings.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Omar Al-Amoodi
Al Medina

Nearly 20 years ago, the state had decided to embark on a course of industrialization to diversify the revenue resources in view of the experts' opinion that oil would inevitably deplete one day. In order to build an industrial base, the state enacted legislation concerning capital investment, protection of indigenous industries and companies. Later, it created the Industrial Development Fund to help in financing such projects for which only the private capital was not considered enough.

With all these measures, the state has created a suitable climate for the establishment of industries, but still most industrialists complain of obstacles which, they say, hold back capitalists and businessmen from the field of industry. If for sometime we don't take into consideration the cost of imported manpower, we will observe that administrative difficulties impair the process of industrial development in the country. Slow administrative measures, routine formalities and lack of enthusiasm by some circles often retard the industrial progress.

When we hear that the Jeddah-based edible oils factory with an invested capital of more than SR300 million has not been able to get a telephone hookup for the past two years while this facility has already been installed on the streets and in video and vegetable shops, we easily realize a big gap and lack of coordination between the higher policy of the state and the executive machinery, which perhaps believes in the principle of equal benefit.

In order that the state's industrial program gets a real boost, it would be necessary to make the administrative offices capable of implementing the state policy with a clear understanding of its dimensions. In this way, industrialists and businessmen would feel attracted toward the field of industry, otherwise we would remain where we are.



FOLKLORE: Riyadh Governor Prince Salman attended the opening Tuesday of the folklore festival at Riyadh University which aims at reviving and preserving the national heritage and strengthening the bonds between the university and society in general.

To have world-wide service

Islamic bank system begins

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 29 — A number of Islamic heads of state and prominent personalities in the Islamic world, acting as honorary founders, announced Wednesday the establishment of a \$1 billion investment, insurance and banking institution under the name of Darul Mal Al-Islamic.

Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal, president of the International Association of Islamic Banks announced that the institutions will have branches in all Islamic countries and throughout the world. They will operate according to the Islamic banking and insurance discipline which excludes interest on loans, which is considered as usury.

BRIEFS

Boxing contest opens
RIYADH, April 29 (SPA) — The first regional boxing championship in Saudi Arabia opened here Tuesday at Al-Der'eyyah sports stadium. Teams from the four provinces in the Kingdom as well as the armed forces, the National Guard and the security forces are competing in the two-day championship.

Saudi-Yemen talks
SANAA, April 29 (SPA) — The ways and means to foster relations between Saudi Arabia and Yemen at various levels was the subject matter of a meeting here Tuesday between North Yemen Foreign Minister Ali Luff Al-Thor and Saudi Arabia's Ambassador Sheikh Trad Al-Harethi.

Training course held
DHAHRAN, April 29 (SPA) — The University of Petroleum and Minerals' faculty of industrial management began a two-week training course this week on intermediate management. The course is provided for officials of government institutions and local companies and banks. It is part of a program to develop the administration of such bodies.

Salman opens festival
RIYADH, April 29 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Tuesday opened the fifth seminar on the country's popular heritage organized by Riyadh University on its campus off Al-Der'eyyah road. The prince was met on arrival by the Rector Dr. Mansour Al-Turki and other university officials.

Chatti returns to Jeddah
JEDDAH, April 29 (SPA) — Habib Chatti, the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, returned here Tuesday evening from Kuwait after opening Monday, meetings of the committee of Muslim experts entrusted with preparing the statute of an Islamic Court of Justice.

Ahmad holds dinner
DUBAI, April 29 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad ibn Abdul Aziz gave a dinner banquet at Dubai Sheraton hotel here Tuesday in honor of the Saudi community. A number of United Arab Emirates officials were invited to the banquet.

From Chase Manhattan Bank official visits Kingdom

DHAHRAN, April 29 — Francis Stankard, executive vice-president and head of the international department of Chase Manhattan Bank has spent three days in Saudi Arabia meeting businessmen and assessing progress in the Kingdom, a press statement said Wednesday.

Stankard, who last visited the country five years ago, was accompanied by John Philpot, senior vice-president of Chase Manhattan from New York City; David Boudreau, London-based senior vice-president and area executive for the Middle East, and Tom O'Reilly, vice-president for human resources.

Chase officials spent the first two days of Stankard's visit in the Eastern Province where they met with about 40 local businessmen, after which they spent a day in Riyadh. Stankard then flew on to Kuwait and Cairo before his return to New York City.

Chase Manhattan's participation in Saudi Arabian development includes a 20 per cent holding of Saudi Investment Banking Corporation (SIBC) shares. Chase Manhattan seconded bank officials to the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF), begun in 1974, and still assists with the recruitment and training of SIDF employees.

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Khalifa meets Indira

Bahrain, India share views on Gulf safety

NEW DELHI, April 29 (AP) — The ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa, has told Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi that the security of the Arabian Gulf region is the responsibility of the states of that region, an Indian spokesman said.

Al-Khalifa, who arrived here Monday on a four-day visit to India, also reportedly told Mrs. Gandhi Tuesday at an hour-long meeting that he shared her concern about the Afghan crisis, the Iran-Iraq war and "the increasing big power presence in the Indian Ocean." Bahrain, however, is a close American ally and provides port facilities for U.S. naval ships. The United States has warships in the Indian Ocean as does the Soviet Union.

The ruler's remarks followed the recent visit of U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig to the Middle East to reassure American allies in the region of its continuing inter-

est and support to them. His views were reinforced by Bahrain Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa who held separate talks with External Affairs Minister P.V.N. Rao.

Spokesman J.N. Dixit told reporters that the Bahrain minister briefed Rao on Haig's visit to the area and "reiterated that the security (of the Gulf) should be left to the governments and peoples of the area."

The foreign ministers of the two countries later signed a five-year technical and economic cooperation agreement. Under the accord, both sides agreed to work together in joint industrial projects and collaborate in several areas including petroleum, chemicals, fertilizers, energy and pharmaceuticals.

The ruler is scheduled to travel Wednesday to Agra near where he will visit the famed Taj Mahal. He will also visit Bombay on a private trip before returning home.

Assembly called

Barre dismisses ten aides

MOGADISHU, April 29 (AFP) — President Muhammad Siad Barre of Somalia has dismissed his defense minister, security chief and parliament speaker Tuesday night and called a meeting of the assembly for Wednesday.

The Somali leader issued a sweeping decree here Tuesday night removing 10 members of the Supreme Revolutionary Council — the ruling military body revived last October when a national state of emergency was declared — from their cabinet, party and parliament posts.

Among these were the defense minister, Lt. Gen. Muhammad Ali Samater, the national security chief, Brig. Ahmad Suleiman Abdullah and the speaker of the People's Assembly, Brig. Gen. Ismail Ali Abokor. The

decree said Gen. Samater's and Brig. Abdullah's deputies would replace them for the time being. Gen. Abokor's aides, both council members, were dismissed.

The Revolutionary Council is made up of officers who led the 1969 revolution that brought Barre to power. It was put into mothballs in 1976 when the Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party was formed, but reinstated last year.

Tuesday night's presidential decree said the council members would be given "new special missions" to be defined later. There was no clear sign what had prompted the action by Gen. Barre, who is facing opposition in the Horn of Africa over Somalia's claims on Ethiopia's Ogaden and within his own country from the Somali Salvation Front.

PLO blames Israel for murder of U.N. soldier

LONDON, April 29 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization, in a statement issued here Tuesday, blamed Israel for the killing of an Irish soldier in the United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

Nabil Ramlawi, the PLO's representative in London, denied "any suggestions that Palestinian forces are responsible for this murderous act." The soldier, 20-year-old Hugh Doherty of Donegal of Ireland, was found shot dead Monday and a colleague reported missing.

Ramlawi said the PLO understood that Doherty was killed by a Soviet-made bullet and concluded: "It is no secret that the Israelis and Israel-supported militias in southern Lebanon possess Soviet-manufactured weapons captured in battles with the Arab forces."

"We consider the murder of the Irish soldier to be part of a deliberate Israeli plan to create distrust and division between the Palestinians and the Irish people."

In the past, the Irish U.N. battalion has had a number of clashes with the Israeli-backed Christian militia forces of Maj. Saad Haddad.

BRIEFS

MONTREAL, (AP) — Three naturalized Canadian citizens have been ordered to appear in court Friday to have a date set for their preliminary hearing on charges of illegally shipping electronic equipment to Pakistan.

ANKARA, (AP) — Turks will need visas to visit Denmark, Norway and Iceland beginning May 1, Turkish government sources reported Wednesday.

KUWAIT, (AFP) — Iraq has spent more than \$2,000 million in a series of recent arms deals, the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al Siyasiya* reported Wednesday quoting Western diplomatic sources.

ATHENS, (R) — The Greek and Turkish foreign ministers, Constantine Mitsotakis and Ilter Turkmen, will meet in Rome Sunday to discuss all pending issues between the two countries, the foreign ministry announced Wednesday.

LONDON, (R) — The Egyptian minister of state for foreign affairs Boutros Ghali has discussed the Middle East in several hours of talks with British Ministers, a foreign office spokesman said. He met Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington Tuesday and Foreign Office Minister of State Douglas Hurd.

Arrives in Belgrade

Qaddafi to hold talks with Yugoslav leaders

BELGRADE, April 29 (Agencies) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi arrived in Belgrade Wednesday from Moscow for two days of talks on international issues and cooperation with Yugoslav President Cvijetin Mijatovic and other leaders.

Qaddafi had last visited Yugoslavia in 1977. Diplomatic sources said the Libyan leader was expected to seek the support of Yugoslavia, a key nonaligned state, for his African and Middle East policies.

Earlier Wednesday the Libyan leader was seen off at Moscow by President Leonid Brezhnev, who had personally welcomed him at the airport Monday, underlining the importance he attached to the visit.

Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri F. Ustinov. The Soviet Union has reaffirmed its support for Libya's involvement in Chad, but stopped short of giving backing on the issue of a merger between the two African states, western diplomats said.

At the two rounds of talks Qaddafi had with Brezhnev, the situation in the Middle East dominated the agenda, according to sources here. The two leaders were on common ground in condemning American and Israeli positions, and, as Brezhnev indicated, they were both agreed that it was high time "to hit back at the aggressive and expansionist policies of the imperialists in this region."

Beyond this, however, little transpired of what measures Moscow might be planning to counter the U.S. presence in the Middle East.

The Libyan leader has made it plain that Libya is not disposed to give the Soviet Union base facilities on its soil, and he has even indicated a certain willingness to open a dialogue with the Americans. These factors may have contributed to the lack of spectacular results from the trip, observers suggested.

Observers would not speculate on what the two leaders had to say about Afghanistan. On the day of his arrival, Qaddafi indicated that he believed "it necessary that Afghanistan's independence and neutrality be guaranteed and that all forms of outside interference should be halted."

Iran no longer trusts U.K., diplomat told

TEHRAN, April 29 (R) — A government minister has said the Iranian people had bitter memories of Britain and no longer trusted it.

The state radio reported that Deputy Prime Minister for Political Affairs Muhammad Hashemi also reproached Britain for staying silent about continued Iraqi artillery and missile attacks on Iran's southern cities, devastated in the Gulf war. Hashemi was speaking to Stephen Barrett, Britain's senior diplomat in Iran, who discussed London's hopes for an eventual resumption of relations.

Since last September, British diplomats have worked from the Swedish embassy in Tehran. The radio quoted Hashemi as saying that Britain, under the pretext of defending human rights supported the United States during the crisis over the holding of 52 American hostages.

"But on (Iraqi) attacks on houses, schools and hospitals... your government is silent, saying it is impartial." On the basis of the Iranian nation's bitter memories your country and England's stance after the victory of the (1979) revolution, there is no trust here for your country," the radio quoted him as saying.

Meanwhile, Iran's clergy-led government has said it is ready to discuss criticism from opposition groups following bloody street clashes Monday between security forces and pro-judicial demonstrators.

In anti-Libya revolt

Chad religious scholars said killed

KHARTOUM, April 29 (AP) — A prominent Chadian religious leader, and an unspecified number of Muslim scholars have been killed following popular demonstrations against the Soviet-backed Libyan troops in Chad, the Sudan News Agency said Tuesday.

The report quoting refugees coming into Sudan from Chadian town of Abeche 100 miles off this country's western borders, identified the religious leader as Sheikh Adam Baraka. It did not say how many ulemas were killed or how. Chadian sources in Cairo said Sheikh Baraka, a mufti, had been appointed local leader of the town of Abeche when the Libyans intervened in the civil strife on behalf of President Goukouni Oueddei in December.

Baraka's son is one of Goukouni's senior aides, and the sources familiar with developments in Chad said the sheikh's death indicated he was changing sides in the political struggle in Chad probably because of mounting popular resentment at the Libyan presence.

Travelers arriving from Chad said in Yaounde, Cameroon that in the recent fight-

ing for control of the strategic eastern Chadian city of Abeche about 100 persons were killed.

They said the weekend fighting lasted for two or three days around Abeche, 750 kilometers east of the Chadian capital of N'djamena. The fighting was between forces loyal to Goukouni and soldiers of Foreign Affairs Minister Aycl Ahmet, they said.

The voyagers, who were not identified in a report from AFP, said Ahmet's forces apparently had been unable to seize control of Abeche from Goukouni's forces. The travelers said Ahmet's forces were backed up by Libyan tanks. Ironically, Oueddei himself had been backed by Libya last December when his forces defeated rebel soldiers led by former Defense Minister Hissne Habre.

Shortly after Habre's forces were driven out of N'djamena, where a nine-month civil war had raged, Libya announced plans to merge with Chad. Libya's sixth attempt to unite with another country brought loud protests from the United States, France and many African nations worried about Libya's efforts to increase its presence in the continent.

Three Afghans among thirteen executed in Iran

TEHRAN, April 29 (Agencies) — Thirteen persons were executed in Iranian prisons during Tuesday and Wednesday for drug trafficking and prostitution. Three of them were Afghans and four were women.

A Tehran radio broadcast said the public prosecutor's office issued the execution orders after a ruling by the Isfahan anti-drugs campaign office and Islamic revolutionary court.

All had previous convictions and were sentenced after trial before Islamic courts, it said Tuesday's executions took place in Tehran's Qasr prison and in another jail close to the capital, after the public prosecutor's anti-narcotics office banned executions in streets and parks, official reports said.

Two weeks ago, seven persons died before firing squads in Tehran for drug-dealing. Six were executed in the streets of the capital. Since Iran's 1979 revolution, several hundred people have been executed on charges of drug-dealing and prostitution.

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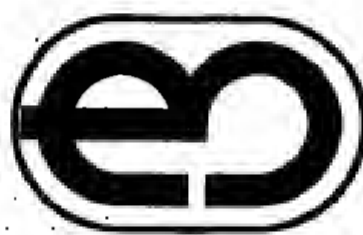
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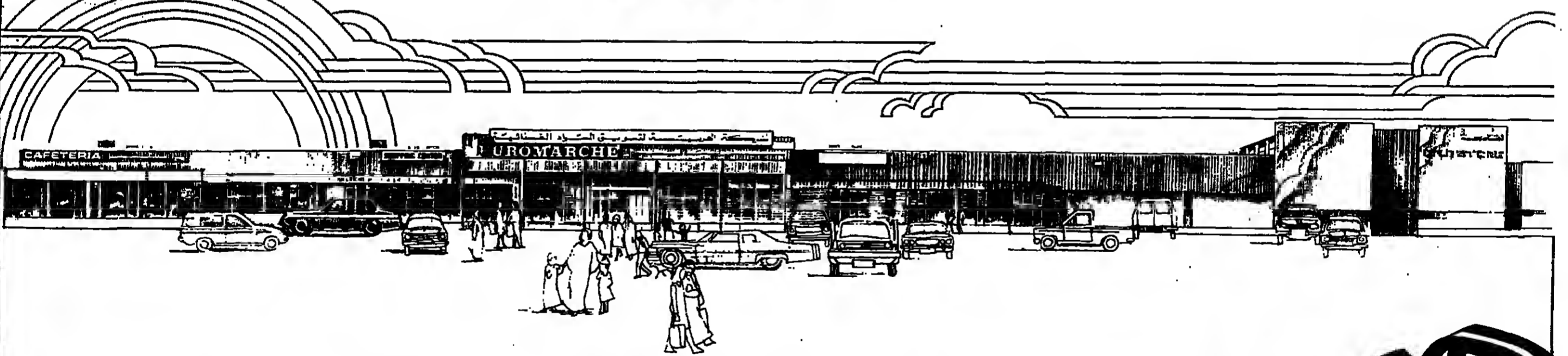
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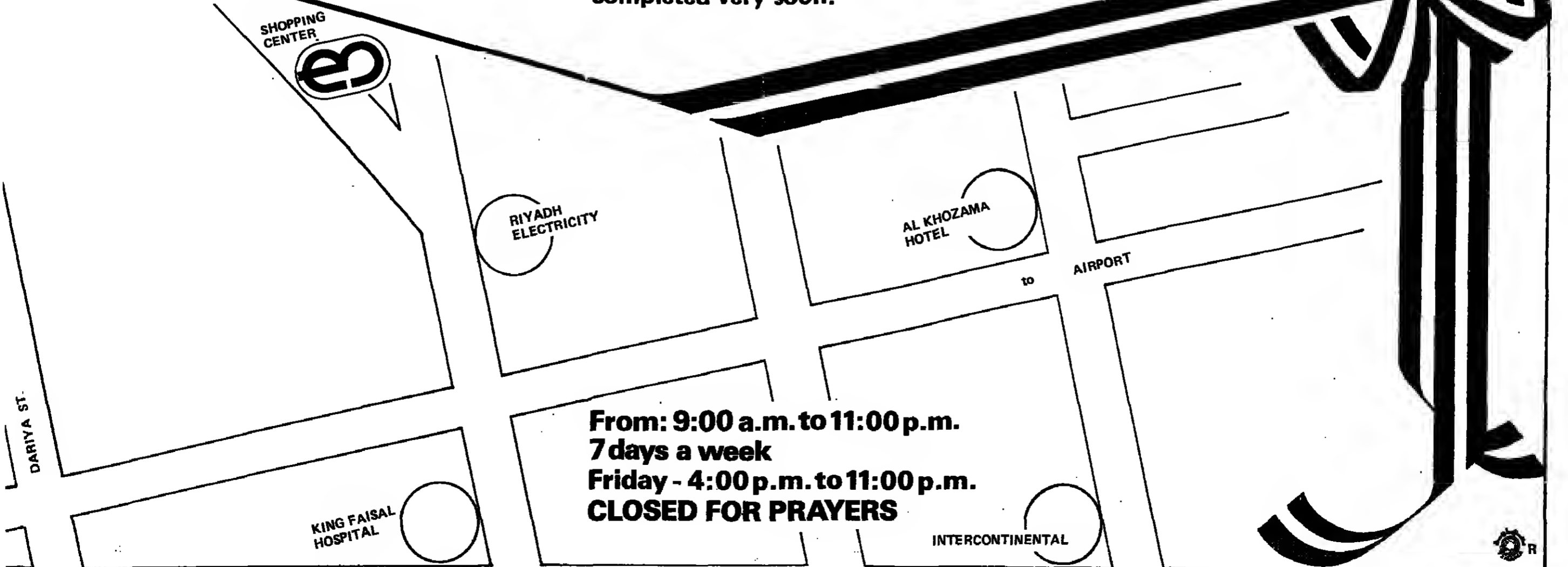
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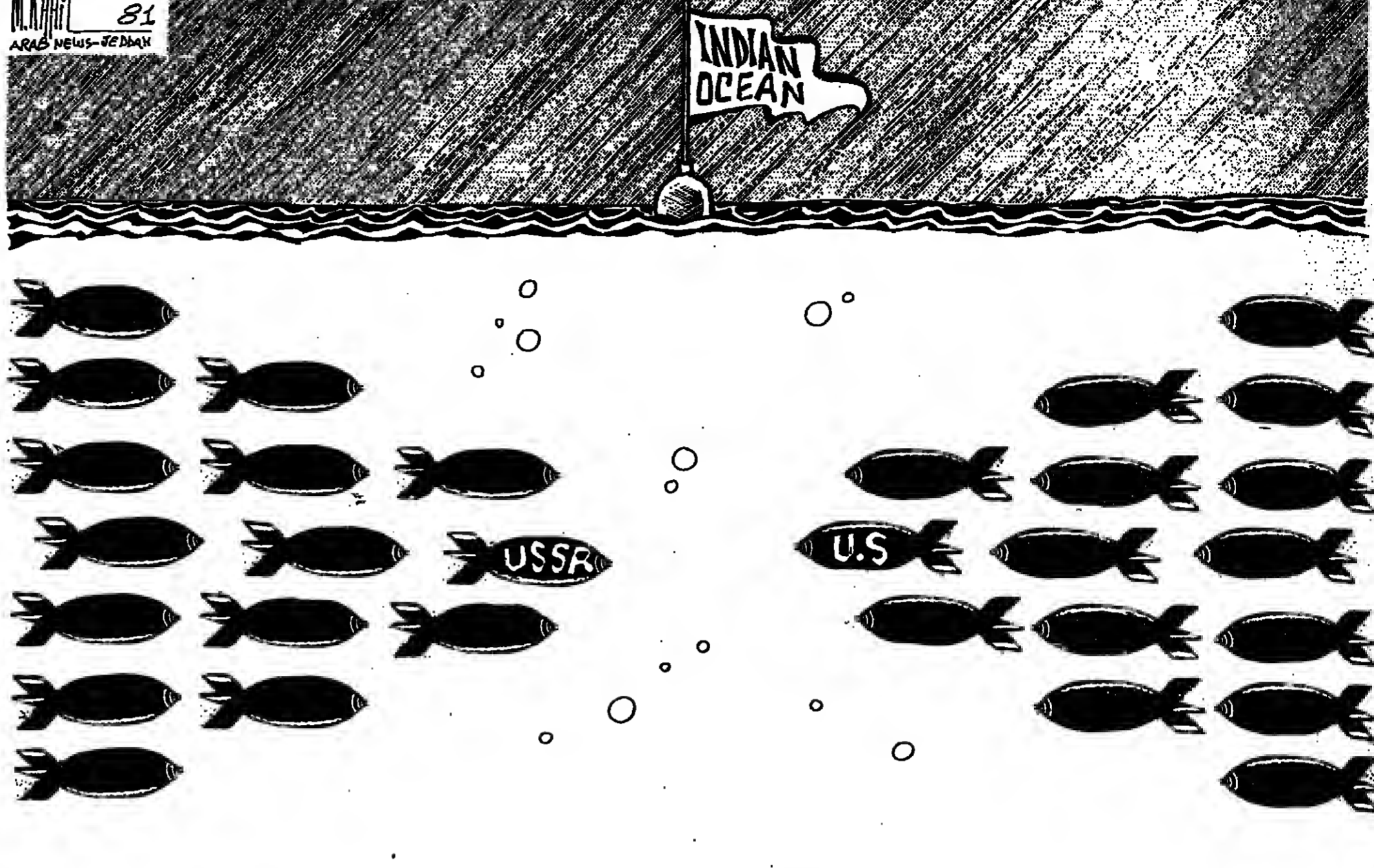
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Reagan's performance gets favorable response

By Ralph Harris

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's first 100 days in the White House are viewed by many politicians and commentators as a success, and even his congressional opponents say they are impressed by his leadership and personal style.

The 70-year-old president, elected by a landslide on a conservative program he has been preaching for years, appears to have strong support for the ambitious agenda he has set for his four-year term.

Aides say he delegates substantial power to his top advisers but makes the important decisions after choices are presented to him.

Sympathy was coupled with admiration for the way Reagan reacted after he was shot in the chest outside a Washington hotel.

The task Reagan has set for himself has not been equalled since President Franklin D. Roosevelt launched his radical new deal to counter the great depression in 1933.

Reagan has described the federal government as a monster whose unrestrained spending is the chief cause of high inflation and damage to the free enterprise system.

Opposition Democrats in Congress, severely weakened by the decisive victory of the Republican president last November and capture of the Senate by his party for the first time in 25 years, have generally supported his call for sweeping cuts in government spending.

The president's ability to kill their proposals for a

smaller tax cut over a shorter period will depend in large measure on how successfully he can pick up the reins after being on the sidelines for several weeks after he was shot.

Much of his authority and appeal appears to stem from his good humor, an easy, friendly charm that was his trademark as a film actor and his skill as a mass communicator.

Unlike former President Carter, who submerged himself in the complex details of every policy decision, Reagan conducts the presidency as though he were the chairman of the board.

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Reagan was said to feel that the key to leadership would be his success in setting the tone of his administration and persuading the American people he was right.

Reagan regards the PLO as representing Palestinians and their demands for self-determination.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig has been at odds with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger over some aspects of policy toward the Soviet Union. The administration is taking a hard line toward the Soviet Union after scrapping the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty signed in 1979, giving priority to a campaign against terrorism in place of human rights, and accusing Moscow of fomenting revolution and chaos.

Haig and Weinberger, however, differ on the future approach. Haig has predicted moves soon to resume a dialogue with the Soviet Union over controls of medium-range nuclear missiles deployed in Europe by NATO and the Communist Warsaw Pact.

And the defense secretary said during a recent overseas trip: "If the movement from cold war to détente is progress, then let me say we cannot afford much progress."

A signal that the United States might want to explore ways to improve relations with Moscow came when Reagan lifted the U.S. grain embargo

imposed against the Soviet Union after the Dec. 1979 intervention in Afghanistan. As a presidential candidate, Reagan opposed the embargo order by President Carter mainly for the domestic political reason that he felt American farmers should not bear the entire burden of a decision to punish Moscow.

But officials said the United States would respond appropriately if the Soviet Union chose to accept the ending of the embargo as a sign that détente could be resumed.

Haig, reported by officials to feel the grain embargo should be kept because of Soviet pressure against Poland, also lost out in a controversy which ended when Vice President George Bush was chosen to take charge of Crisis Management for the White House.

Presidential critics in Congress say the Reagan administration has pursued a zigzag course in dealing with a number of foreign policy issues. They cite decisions to soften a policy that treated the battle against leftist guerrillas in El Salvador as a military problem requiring U.S. involvement, to modify an apparent tilt toward South Africa, and to back off from pledges to strengthen ties with Taiwan at the risk of angering China. (R)

MOSCOW'S MOTIVES

Two important Arab visitors went to Moscow recently: First, Kuwait's deputy premier and minister of foreign affairs and then Libya's leader, Col. Qaddafi.

Kuwait was reported to have used the visit to emphasize its rejection of the presence of foreign troops and bases in the area. The Kuwaiti visitor raised with his hosts the question of the Soviet military presence in South Yemen, indicating how unhelpful it is for the Gulf countries which have declared their opposition to the Western plans for the security of the Gulf.

The Libyan visitor was reported also as rejecting any military Soviet presence on his country's soil, despite his interest in maintaining his military supplies from Russia — which are known to be accumulating in Libya at a vast rate. The Libyans and the Soviets are known to be cooperating on many issues — among them, reportedly, that of Chad. But Qaddafi appears for all that to be interested in maintaining his distance from Moscow.

The two visits — others are to follow — have shown how far the Soviet Union still is from playing an effective role in the Middle East. Its thinking on the major issues is still found unpersuasive. Its motives still suspect. A superpower, after all, is a superpower, for which principles are always subordinated to immediate interests, as the lesson of Afghanistan showed most recently and ost clearly.

Japan set for closer ties with PLO

By Yuko Nakamitoku

TOKYO — Japan is heading toward a closer relationship with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), in its efforts to gain a role in the Middle East peace process. The Japanese moves, focused on a probable visit to Tokyo later this year by PLO leader Yasser Arafat, are seen here in the context of the government's decision to play a greater part in world affairs and its need to secure stable oil supplies.

Arafat, who has already had numerous contacts with Western European officials, recently accepted an invitation to visit Japan from an all-party parliamentary group, the Japan-Palestine Friendship League. The league's leader, former foreign minister Toshio Kimura, told Reuters in an interview the visit was likely to take place in the autumn.

It would follow next month's talks in Washington between Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and President Reagan. Israel's general elections in June and the Ottawa economic summit of the world's major industrial nations in July.

Japan regards the PLO as representing Palestinians and their demands for self-determination.

including the right to establish an independent state. This goes a step further than the European Economic Community (EEC), which recognized in a declaration at Venice last year the Palestinians' right to self-determination, but not specifically their right to establish an independent state.

Both Japan and the EEC believe the PLO should be party to future talks on settling the Arab-Israeli conflict. This runs counter to the current U.S. view, as expressed by President Reagan during his election campaign, that the PLO is a "terrorist" organization.

Japan nevertheless views the U.S.-sponsored Camp David accords that brought peace between Israel and Egypt as a tentative first step toward an overall settlement.

The parliamentary league's initial overtures to Arafat to visit Tokyo ran into problems last year when the PLO leader said he would not make the trip unless it was on an official basis, which would imply government recognition of his movement.

The government rejected the request on the grounds it did not officially recognize the stateless PLO, although the organization maintains a representative office in Tokyo, foreign ministry officials said. Since then, Prime Minister Suzuki and

Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito have agreed to meet Arafat and the head of the PLO's Politics Department, Farouk Kaddoumi, during the proposed visit.

The officials said this formula made Arafat pending visit official in all but name. They added that Washington had been informed of developments on the visit, but so far the Reagan administration had not responded.

Kimura said he wrote to Arafat in March confirming an agreement they made about the visit last December. The letter also said Suzuki, recognizing the visit's significance, was ready to discuss Middle East problems and Palestinian issues, he added.

Foreign ministry officials said Suzuki would urge Arafat to accept U.N. Resolution 242 calling for Israel's withdrawal from territory occupied since 1967, amend the PLO charter calling for the dismantling of Israel, and refrain from radical action. The PLO, saying it is the sole legitimate representative of Palestinians, has rejected the U.N. resolution on the grounds it refers to Palestinians, only in terms of a refugee problem.

Japan, the non-Communist world's second biggest economic power, had little interest in the Middle East until the 1973 oil crisis. Since then the region, which supplies more than 70 per cent of Japan's oil, has been an increasingly important factor in Japanese policy. — (R)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Wednesday gave lead story coverage to the second round of official talks between Crown Prince Fahd and visiting West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. They highlighted the Crown Prince's statement that Saudi Arabia's relations with Germany are "very good, and the German chancellor's visit would reinforce them further."

In a front-page story, Al-Riyadh reported, quoting Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, that a study was being carried out to reassess and classify state jobs with a view to raising salaries and pensions.

Almost all newspapers gave page one highlight to further heightening tension in Lebanon because of Israeli air raids on the town of Zahle. Okaz said in a front-page story that the Soviet Union and the U.S. are making a move to contain further deterioration in the Lebanese situation. Newspapers also highlighted Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam's talks in Beirut with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis on the serious situation in the country.

Al-Riyadh said in a front-page story that Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky would raise the question of a tank sale during his forthcoming visit to Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's support for Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's policy figured prominently on the front page of Al-Yom newspaper.

A majority of newspaper editorials still concentrated on the importance of Chancellor Schmidt's visit to the Kingdom. Al-Riyadh noted in an editorial

that, like British-Arab relations, German-Arab ties also need streamlining especially in regard to the Gulf region. Both the Arab world and West Germany hope to see peace and stability prevail in the region, so they are able to reinforce their political and economic contacts, the paper said. It added that the German leader's visit would hopefully provide a good beginning for Arab-German relations.

Discussing Saudi Arabian-German ties, Al-Yom said editorially that Crown Prince Fahd's statement on strong bilateral relations reaffirms that the current visit of the German leader would help in further strengthening these ties in the best interests of the two countries. The paper reviewed their identical views on crucial issues, especially the problem of the people of Palestine and their right to self-determination. It also referred to cooperation in commercial and economic fields, including Germany's participation in the Kingdom's development projects, and said that Saudi Arabia did not hesitate to help West Germany when the latter asked for a loan to fill the gap in its balance of payments. The present phase of cooperation and mutual understanding gives rise to hopes that bilateral relations would grow further in the future, it added.

Referring to the Crown Prince's satisfaction with the growing relations between the Kingdom and West Germany, Al-Bilad noted that this satisfaction reflected itself in the cordial and friendly atmosphere in which bilateral talks are being held. The paper said that Germany's clear stance on the issue

of this region is a credit to Saudi Arabia's active diplomatic role at the European level in particular and the world level in general. The early success of bilateral talks provides clear indications that there is an identity of views on the economic and political issues of the region between the two countries, it said.

On the same subject, Okaz observed that the Kingdom refuses any bargaining in its economic and political dealing with others, but stresses mutual understanding of each other's issues and stands. With its firm stand Saudi Arabia has told its friends in the western world that the issue of Palestine and Jerusalem provides the main basis for peace in the Middle East.

On the other hand, Al-Madina stressed the need for a serious consultation among Arabs on the grave situation now prevailing in Lebanon. The paper emphasized that such a step is indispensable because Lebanon has been reduced to a position in which it has become almost impossible for it to withstand the repeated assaults by the Zionist enemy. It urged the Arabs to consider the Lebanese situation as a joint responsibility, but at the same time emphasized that the major share of this responsibility lies with the Lebanese themselves. The colossal losses that Lebanon has suffered so far do not justify silence on the part of Lebanese officials and thinkers, it said.

Al-Nadwa's editorial also thought along the same lines and urged the need for the realization of national conciliation among the parties concerned.



Arafat tries to explain the PLO's picture to the U.S., but...

Letter to the editor

Sir, First congratulations on publishing Arab News seven days a week. This is yet another feather in the cap of your esteemed daily which is doing so much to keep us, the expatriates, abreast with regional and international developments and the massive development activity going on in the Kingdom. We are really beholden to your newspaper and wish you all success in your efforts to add its attraction.

Then, I would like to refer to an article "U.S. Arms to Pakistan Worry India" published in your issue of April 16. The Indian worries about arms supplies to Pakistan are totally baseless.

Firstly, Pakistan has not started receiving any arms from the United States. Washington has only made an offer which the two sides are still to discuss. It depends on the results of these talks whether the U.S. will supply arms to Pakistan or not. Therefore, the Indians are crying wolf when the wolf is not even in sight.

Secondly, Pakistan has the most obsolete military arms and equipment in the region. The flow of arms to it was cut off by its Western suppliers in 1965 when it was attacked by India. Since then it has received no arms from these sources.

And even if it now starts getting some arms from the West that should not worry India at all. Yours sincerely, Muhammad Sharif Khan P.O. Box 3126 Jeddah.

S. Africa produces enriched uranium

PRETORIA, April 29 (R) — South Africa is now producing its own nuclear fuel, enriched uranium, which will in future be used to operate its atomic research reactor.

Minister for Mineral and Atomic Affairs, Frederik de Clerk announced Wednesday.

He said the fuel would enable the production of radio isotopes for medical use and would be open to international inspection and safeguard by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

South Africa had gone ahead with local production because it had not been able, for international political reasons, to obtain nuclear fuel for the reactor since 1976, the minister said.

Production of radio isotopes for medical use was almost entirely dependent on the Safari 1 reactor, he said. South Africa has always denied reports that it conducted a nuclear test in September 1979.

De Clerk said South Africa's Uranium Enrichment Corporation had recently succeeded in producing a limited quantity of 45 per cent enriched uranium, which has been processed into fuel elements by the Atomic Energy Board. This percentage was the minimum needed for the Safari 1 reactor with respect to the so-called wet isotope, he said.

Because of the limited amount of enriched uranium so far produced the reactor would be operated provisionally at five megawatts, a quarter of its normal capacity. "Even at this low power it will be possible to produce locally those radio isotopes most essential for medical purpose and also to continue a large number of research projects dependent on the operation of Safari 1", the minister said.

Emperor Hirohito turns 80

TOKYO, April 29 (AFP) — The last emperor in the world, Hirohito, Wednesday celebrated his 80th birthday without the gift he most deserves — the chance to abdicate. He is the first Japanese monarch to reach his 80s in 2,600 years, and many feel the time has come to waive the Japanese law which forbids emperors from "retiring".

Hirohito, they argue, should be allowed to spend his twilight years in peace, away from the constant pressure of public duties which have marked every day of his 55-year rule. Now frail and slightly stooped, Hirohito was a powerful and imposing figure when he came to the throne in December 1926 following the death of his father, Emperor Taisho. Although he renounced his "divinity" and all political authority after World War II, he remains an active and important figure on the Japanese scene.

Hailed during official demonstrations as a symbol of the state and of national unity, Hirohito frequently receives visiting foreign dignitaries at his palace in central Tokyo. Old age has not meant running down his daily schedule. Hirohito is up every morning at seven and has a brief medical checkup before sitting down to breakfast with his wife, Empress Nagak. At 10 a.m., an official car takes him from his residential quarters to his office, where a stack of documents awaits his signature. These relate to laws, statutes, treaties and nominations for top jobs.

After lunch, the emperor settles down to a favorite pastime — marine biology, of which he has made a serious study. Later, a typical evening will find him watching television or reading press cuttings collected by the empress. The schedule may sound tight, but it can grow alarmingly heavy with the obligatory official appearances and receptions in honor of foreign leaders.

Increasingly, public opinion is coming around to the belief that Hirohito should be allowed to abdicate on grounds of his great age. Professor Heihachiro Shimizu, from China, wrote recently that the Japanese did not want their leader to be forced to continue his official duties indefinitely.



Emperor Hirohito of Japan

Others point out that the emperor's 47-year-old Akhito is easily up to the job.

But there are others who oppose abdication. It would weaken the country, they say. Some argue that anyone in good health should carry on working — a viewpoint firmly backed by certain members of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, who themselves are well over the normal retirement age of 55 to 60. For the moment, this frail-looking but apparently healthy old man seems set to continue as the powerless but active emperor of Japan.

Soviet army chief meets Mrs. Gandhi

NEW DELHI, April 29 (AP) — Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, chief of the general staff of the Soviet armed forces, made an "unscheduled" call on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Tuesday, an Indian official said. The meeting lasted about 30 minutes at the Indian leader's office in parliament house here and they reportedly discussed the regional situation and bilateral matters.

Present at the meeting was India's chief of army staff, Gen. O.P. Malhotra and Soviet Ambassador to India Yuri Voronstov. Ogarkov arrived in India Monday on a four-day official visit and has held meetings with Malhotra and other military officials. He is scheduled to visit military installations at Agra and Ambala in northern India.

Meanwhile, the head of India's Atomic Energy Commission, Dr. Homi Sethna, Tuesday praised his country's nuclear know-how, charged that Canada "ran away" from helping with the Indian nuclear program and took an indirect poke at the U.S. for "rubbing our noses in the ground." He refused to comment, however, about a statement by U.S. Sen. Alan Cranston the day before that the American government has evidence India may be preparing for a second nuclear explosion.

Sethna, in a speech to the Association of Indian Engineering Industry, lauded Indian technology, saying India has produced more and more of the component for each new atomic power station built here. "The foreign exchange component for the first unit of the Rajasthan station was about 45 per cent," Sethna said. "Then the Canadians ran away and we got it down to 30 per cent in the case of the second unit. For the Madras and Narora units, the foreign exchange component has gone down to about 10 per cent."

Sethna added that, "in Rajasthan we have Lederer's expulsion urged by committee"

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives Ethics Committee is calling for the expulsion of Rep. Raymond Lederer of Pennsylvania, the only Congressman convicted in the Abscam bribery probe to remain in office.

If the full House endorses the recommendation, the Philadelphia lawmaker would become only the second Congressman expelled since the Civil War. Former Rep. Michael Myers, also a Philadelphia Democrat, was kicked out last year after his Abscam conviction.

By a 10-2 vote, the committee decided in a closed-door session that Lederer should be removed for violations of House rules that parallel the charges that led to his bribery and conspiracy conviction in Abscam, the government's probe of political corruption.

The panel, formally known as the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, meets again Thursday to determine when to formally press the House for an expulsion vote. Lederer was unavailable for comment after Tuesday's vote.

Unscheduled call

an excellent example side by side of equipment made in this country and equipment made in Canada, and I can say quite bluntly that the Indian equipment is performing much better than that made in Canada." Canada helped India set up its first experimental reactor, called Cirus, in the late 1950s and later participated in building the Rajasthan power plant at Rana Pratap Sagar, about 350 kms southwest of New Delhi. When India exploded a "peaceful nuclear device" in 1974, Canada terminated all nuclear assistance.

The United States built the Tarapur plant for India under what Sethna described as a "turn-key" project, and promised to supply it with fuel for 30 years. The shipments are behind schedule and the last one was dispatched last fall only after the U.S. Senate narrowly upheld then President Jimmy Carter's decision to make delivery. At the heart of the issue is the American concern over the possible spread of nuclear weapons and the Indian refusal to open all its nuclear facilities to full international inspection.

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Waldheim stresses greater coverage of Third World

UNITED NATIONS, April 29 (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has urged the major Western news organizations to give greater emphasis to the "aspirations of the Third World." He said there appears to be a "certain bias" in the selection of news by the Western media, which he said tend to focus on issues of interest to the industrial countries.

Waldheim also observed that in the Western press "there is sometimes a tendency to give primacy to the sensational over the truly significant." At its best, Waldheim said, the Western press acts as "the watchdog of society and of the political system."

Waldheim was addressing a Roman Catholic church-sponsored commemoration of World Communications Day, established in 1966 by Pope Paul VI. Archbishop John R.

Roach of St. Paul and Minneapolis, who opened the ceremony at the United Nations Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium, cited the role of the American media in bringing "accurate news from those parts of the world where freedom cannot be taken for granted." Roach is current president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Emphasizing his support for a free press, Waldheim said the media of the industrial nations must "take into account the aspirations of the Third World."

"As the major news organizations of the developed world largely control the flow of information, the concerns of the South tend to be crowded out by concentration on issues of interest to the North," Waldheim said. "Thus, sometimes there appears to be a bias

in selecting the items of information, there by conveying the impression to the Third World countries that their concerns are regarded as of a lesser order.

"It is important that the media should lend balance to the over-all picture of developments around the world...It is on the basis of mutual understanding that we can hope to build a new information order attuned to the life of a steadily emerging world community," he said.

The secretary-general's remarks reflected Third World criticism of the major Western news organization voiced at a UNESCO conference on international communications in Belgrade last year. Western representatives at the conference opposed suggestions for UNESCO to set up standards for news organizations.



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Tanzania to pull out troops

All-out war on Obote planned

NAIROBI, April 29 (AP) — Fighters opposed to President Milton Obote have said they were planning an all-out war against the Ugandan government, and Tanzania said it will remove within two months the soldiers who have formed Obote's main military prop.

"We are soon going to launch full-scale war" unless Obote holds new elections, the fighters said Tuesday in a tape recording smuggled out of Uganda. Longtime Ugandan residents said they recognized the taped voice of former Defense Minister Towan Museveni, one of Obote's most bitter opponents.

Diplomats said the two announcements appeared to heighten prospects of widespread insecurity and violence in Uganda. Anti-government forces have been conducting a campaign of attacks on police and military installations for nearly three of the four months Obote has been in office.

In Nairobi, a spokesman for the Uganda Freedom Movement, a resistance group, claimed that dozens of Ugandan soldiers were killed Monday night when 10 UFM members using automatic weapons ambushed three military trucks at Kawanda, near Kampala. A large number of soldiers were "wounded," the spokesman said. He said there were no UFM casualties. The official Uganda Radio, monitored in Nairobi, acknowledged the attack and said four soldiers were killed.

At the same time, a statement issued by Ugandan exiles in Nairobi called on Obote to resign. The statement said his government has failed to protect the lives and property of Ugandans, and to make economic progress. The exiles declined to identify themselves publicly.

Ugandan Vice President Paulo Muwanga flew to Tanzania Friday to plead to President Julius Nyerere to expand the stay of some of the 10,000 Tanzanian soldiers in Uganda, particularly those around Kampala, the Ugandan capital. The soldiers, remnants of a force that ousted Ugandan President Idi Amin in 1979, have remained as Uganda's principal peacekeeping force.

Many observers believe that only the Tanzanians stand between Uganda and a countrywide breakdown of law and order. Diplomatic sources in Dar Es Salaam, the Tanzanian capital, said Nyerere turned a deaf ear to Muwanga. On Tuesday, Lt. Gen. Abdullah Tvaliplo, the Tanzanian defense minister, said in a radio broadcast that all 10,000 soldiers will be returned home by late June.

Reliable sources said the first 1,000 will cross Lake Victoria on ferries and reach Mwanza, the Tanzanian port, by Friday. The sources quoted a Tanzanian cabinet minister as saying, "we must get completely out of there. It's hurting us diplomatically and financially."

Diplomats estimate Tanzania pays more than \$4 million a month to keep its soldiers in

Uganda. They say Uganda has failed to honor a two-year agreement to compensate Tanzania, which is sending food and other commodities to Uganda for its soldiers at a time of nationwide food shortages caused partly by a lack of funds in the treasury.

The Tanzanian pullout will leave Obote with 8,000 poorly trained and indiscipline soldiers, and a militia of nearly 10,000. Government forces face a reported several thousand fighters from the popular Resis-

tance Army commanded by Museveni in western Uganda, about 2,000 former Amin soldiers who have taken effective control of northwestern Uganda, and a small number of men in the Uganda Freedom Movement.

Obote, deposed by Amin in 1971, made a comeback rare in Africa when he was elected president in December. But he has failed to achieve his stated goal of national reconciliation.



PIGGYBACK VOYAGE: Perched atop a Boeing 747, the space shuttle Columbia takes off from Oklahoma Monday on its journey back to Kennedy Space Center from where it left on its maiden flight on April 12 in a thunderous roar of flame and smoke. The shuttle had been lowered to its landing gear in an overnight operation. It reached Florida shortly before noon Tuesday.

Brigades to try kidnapped Cirillo

NAPLES, April 29 (R) — The Red Brigades were holding their latest kidnap victim Wednesday pending "trial" after a bloody commando operation in Naples aimed at exploiting the widespread bitterness in the earthquake-damaged city. A major police hunt was under way to find the "people's prison" where the Brigades are holding Cirillo, the prominent Neapolitan politician they snatched on Monday night.

In a 130-page tract issued Monday night, the Brigades accused Cirillo of being a savage property speculator and said he would answer the charges in a "trial". Up to 70 guerrillas kidnapped the 60-year-old Christian Democrat leader after clubbing him on the head and killing his two escorts.

The attack proved that the Brigades were not wiped out by recent arrests and that their attention has shifted to the poor south, where over 200,000 persons are still homeless after last November's earthquake.

The old, working-class center of Naples

was rendered almost uninhabitable by the quake and the Brigades said city authorities were "deporting" families to industrial suburbs. Although Naples is now run by its first Communist administration, the Brigades said the Christian Democrats were responsible for bringing "the slavery of salaried labor to the city and destroying its traditional artisan lifestyle."

The documents found Monday night, with a photograph of the balding Cirillo in front of a Brigades flag, listed the major firms seeking contracts to rebuild areas wrecked by the earthquake. Cirillo is chairman of the commission in charge of reconstruction. No demands were made in the Brigades text, but if they stick to their own precedent other communiques will follow soon.

They said they were keeping to the "strategic line" adopted last December when they kidnapped senior Roman judge Giovanni D'Urso to gain concessions for their jailed comrades.

Against Salvador policy

Anti-war men to march on Pentagon

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP) — In an echo of the Vietnam era a decade ago, anti-war activists are gearing up for their first major national protest against U.S. military involvement in El Salvador — a march Sunday on the Pentagon.

While hesitant to give a firm prediction on how many people will take part at the headquarters of the U.S. Defense Department, organizers for the people's anti-war mobilization said they expect "tens of thousands" to participate from as far west as Texas and as far north as Minnesota.

"This will be the largest manifestation of resistance to (President Ronald) Reagan's war policies and insane domestic policies," said Brian Becker, a national organizer for the march. "We expect this to be a kickoff to a new movement." Smaller marches are planned Sunday in San Francisco, Seattle, Denver, Kansas City and Tucson.

The focus of the protests will be Reagan's decision to increase the number of U.S. military advisers in El Salvador from 34 to 54 and to send \$25 million in weapons to bolster the ruling junta. But organizers also are trying to link that action to the president's proposed cuts in domestic spending.

"Given the cutback in social services, many black and minority groups see ... a connection between another war drive and the money going into an already bloated Pentagon budget," said Bill Roundtree, another march organizer.

One of the march's slogans, a reference to the unsolved murders of black children in Atlanta, says: "Defend Atlanta's children, not El Salvador's junta." Although many of the organizers are veterans of Vietnam protests in the late 1960s and early 1970s, march organizers say a new generation of college students has become active in the anti-El Salvador demonstrations.

"People who were too young to be involved

110 planes to race across Atlantic

PARIS, April 29 (AP) — A total of 110 aircraft ranging from World War II warplanes through tiny single-engine sportsters to an executive jet have been entered to race twice across the Atlantic, Paris — New York — Paris, next June, the organizer has announced.

Competitors include Grand Prix racing drivers, airline pilots, flying and ski instructors, journalists, doctors, computer analysts and a 64-year-old American woman. The largest entry is of 62 single-engine light planes, braving the north Atlantic and flying via Scotland, Iceland, Greenland and Canada.

There are 42 twin-engine light planes, five larger propeller-engine aircraft, including a Douglas B26 Marauder from World War II, to be flown by French racing drivers Didier Pironi and Jose Dolhem, and a restored 1937 De Havilland Dragon Rapide Passenger plane.

It is believed no Rapide has ever flown the Atlantic. The planes will race in four categories and compete both on straight time and on handicap, based on how the plane's time compares with a theoretical best.

The single executive jet, a French Dassault Falcon 50, will attempt to set trans-Atlantic records during the race. Officials expressed disappointment that no American executive jets had entered to "race the French."

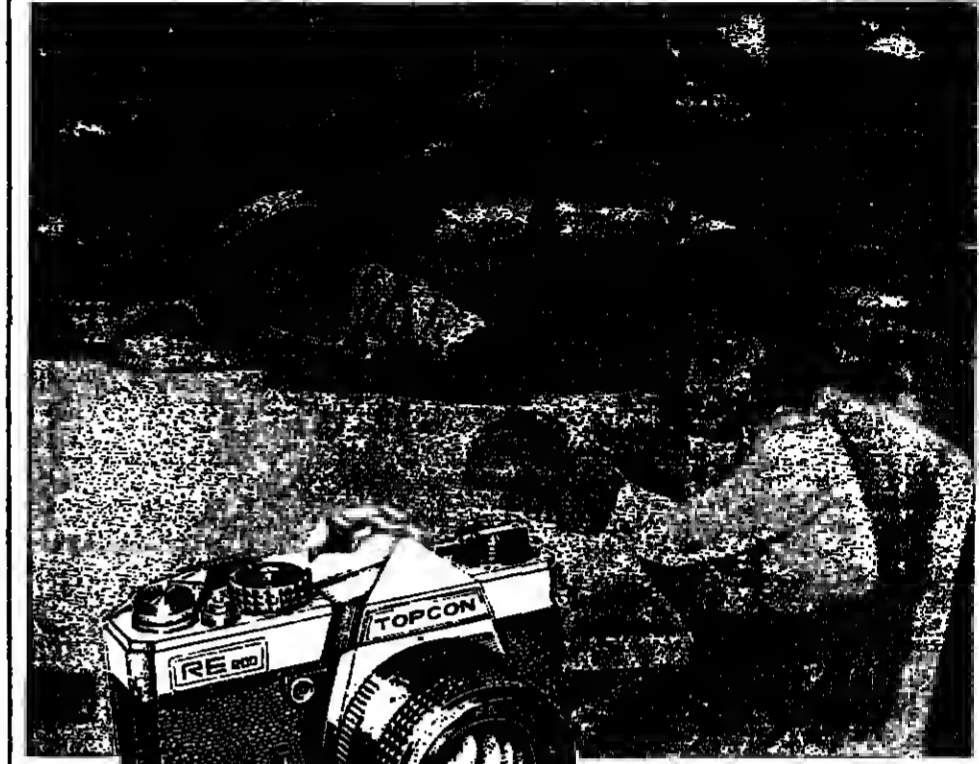
There are four all-women crew and seven other women flying with men. In many cases, amateurs have highly experienced airline pilots as their co-pilots.

in the anti-war movement (a decade ago) are responding to the call," Becker said. Much of the opposition has come on college campuses, largely with teach-ins and picketing, tactics reminiscent of the Vietnam era. The Pentagon protest is supported by about 20 civil rights, labor, student, religious and community organizations around the country, march organizers said.

Opponents of Reagan's Salvadoran

policies contend that the United States is supporting a brutal, unpopular dictatorship that is responsible for the vast majority of the estimated 15,000 political murders in the tiny central American nation over the past year.

The administration argues that those fighting for control of the country are armed and directed by Cuba and other Soviet-bloc countries. The communist governments in those countries have denied the charges.



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Trade deficit dips

U.S. exports touch new high in March

WASHINGTON, April 29 (R) — A surge in exports coupled with a dramatic drop in petroleum imports made March the best trading month the United States has had in more than five years, the Commerce Department has reported.

The trade deficit narrowed to \$451 million in March from February's \$3.15 billion shortfall and was the best monthly performance since November 1975. The main reason for the improved trade figures was a sharp decline in petroleum imports, the department said.

It said exports grew faster in March than they had in more than six and a half years, surging 8.5 per cent as sales of soybeans, aircraft and power machinery rose considerably. Department analysts said the United States cut its petroleum imports by two million barrels a day in March to 5.5 million barrels a day, the lowest level since June 1975.

They said the sharp drop appeared to have occurred because U.S. companies had chosen to use the large reserves they had instead of importing new oil.

Commerce Department Economist David Lund said conservation by car owners brought on by higher petrol prices might also have contributed to the largely unexpected

Car exports by Japan to U.S. decline

TOKYO, April 29 (AP) — Japan's auto exports in March increased slightly from a year earlier, but exports to the United States and European community went down compared to 1980, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association has said.

Association officials Tuesday attributed the decline to Japanese automakers' apparent concern over U.S. and European protectionist sentiment against Japanese cars.

Japan exported 536,411 cars in March, up 1.1 per cent from February and up 1.6 per cent from the same month in 1980. Of the total, passenger cars accounted for 334,720 down 4 per cent, trucks 193,207 up 33.1 per cent, and buses 8,484 up 66.3 per cent.

By areas, Japan exported 171,363 cars to the United States in March, down 26.4 per cent, 75,637 cars to the EEC nations, down 10.8 per cent and 40,286 cars to the Middle East, down 16.7 per cent, compared to March 1980.

Japan's car exports to Southeast Asia in March rose by 4.2 per cent from a year earlier to 62,752 those to Africa went up by 82.5 per cent to 50,809 and those to South Africa, increased by 93.1 per cent to 25,034.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The U.S. has lifted a six-year ban on the importing of kangaroo hides, overriding objections from conservation groups who say millions of animals will be slaughtered as a result of these imports. An official of the Interior Department said the three largest species now live "in healthy numbers and are being properly managed by Australia."

MOSCOW, (AFP) — Soviet and Chinese experts on a joint border commission for railways ended a week's meeting at Khabarovsk in the Soviet far east, Tass has reported. Their aim was to settle problems and litigation involving rail exchanges between the two countries, and they worked out practical details for rail Co-operation covered by an agreement dating from 1951. Tass said Tuesday.

KUALA LUMPUR, (AFP) — A team from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) will shortly visit South East Asian countries to study co-operation between the two regions. The visitors will pay special attention to the way the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) is organized.

CANBERRA, (AFP) — Australia and Canada can expect to sell more grain to the USSR and gain a bigger share of the market, following the end of the U.S.-led embargo, the Australian wheat board has said. The ban had hit normal penetration by major sellers and it was hoped that Australian and Canadian sales would be more consistent than over the past 12 or 18 months, said Board Chairman Sir Leslie Price.

Kuwait oil workers down tools

KUWAIT, April 29 (AP) — An estimated 3,000 workers of the state-owned Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) went on a strike Wednesday to press their demand for an increase in personnel.

They complained to reporters that the current personnel size was inadequate to cope with the ever-increasing load of work. They said they would carry on their strike 10 days.

The Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) workers also went on a strike less than four weeks ago, but this was settled amicably.

EEC grants \$360,000 food aid to Lebanon

LUXEMBOURG, April 29 (AP) — The European Common Market has decided to grant \$360,000 to Lebanon as urgent aid for buying food and drugs.

The money will be given to the International Red Cross which is starting a four-month program of urgent aid to Lebanon. Foreign aid ministers of the 10 European Community countries also approved the Common Market's overall food aid program for this year, which amounts to \$675 and \$1.1 million tons of food.

Russia seeks regular trade with West

MOSCOW, April 29 (AFP) — With the cereal boycott now over, the USSR is renewing its call for regular trade with the West.

The Kremlin believes it is better for all concerned if business and politics are kept apart, as it has been saying with some emphasis for months.

Early this month, for instance, the weekly *News from Moscow* said efforts to punish the Soviet people by cutting off trade would rebound on the authors. Soviet officials believe that the socialist countries, accustomed to sacrifices, can absorb any boycott campaign the West cares to mount.

On the other hand they doubt whether the crisis-stricken capitalist countries can afford to hold aloof from the Soviet market. The party newspaper *Pravda* Wednesday pledged for increased trade between socialist and capitalist nations, in their joint interest. It linked trade and peace.

It pointed to the top position held by the USSR among oil producers, and said the Soviet Union is supplying the West with oil along with gas, toilet paper, capital equipment and ores.

Pravda said the USSR was in the market for Western machine-tools, chemicals, pipelines, technology and consumer goods. Soviet officials constantly refer to the Soviet

After lifting of embargo

Union as "a reliable trade partner."

and Western businessmen here have never denied this.

But the Soviet leadership also expects the same dependability from its Western partners. *Pravda* said Wednesday for example, that the United States was to blame for past fluctuations in the Soviet-U.S. commerce. Of the American grain sales embargo, one Soviet civil servant noted a few days ago: "We still

have troops in Afghanistan and the Soviet people are not starving, but the American farmers have lost a lot of money". Trade officials here recall that some 30 per cent of the USSR's foreign trade is currently with capitalist nations. This category of commerce has increased more than five-fold in 10 years.

Recently, *Pravda* suggested that Siberia's vast oil deposits could be jointly exploited if the West was prepared to supply money and advanced technology.

Ford, Chrysler incur heavy losses

DETROIT, April 29 (R) — Ford Motor Company and Chrysler Corporation have reported losses of hundreds of millions of dollars in the 1981 first quarter, but predicted things would improve in the second quarter.

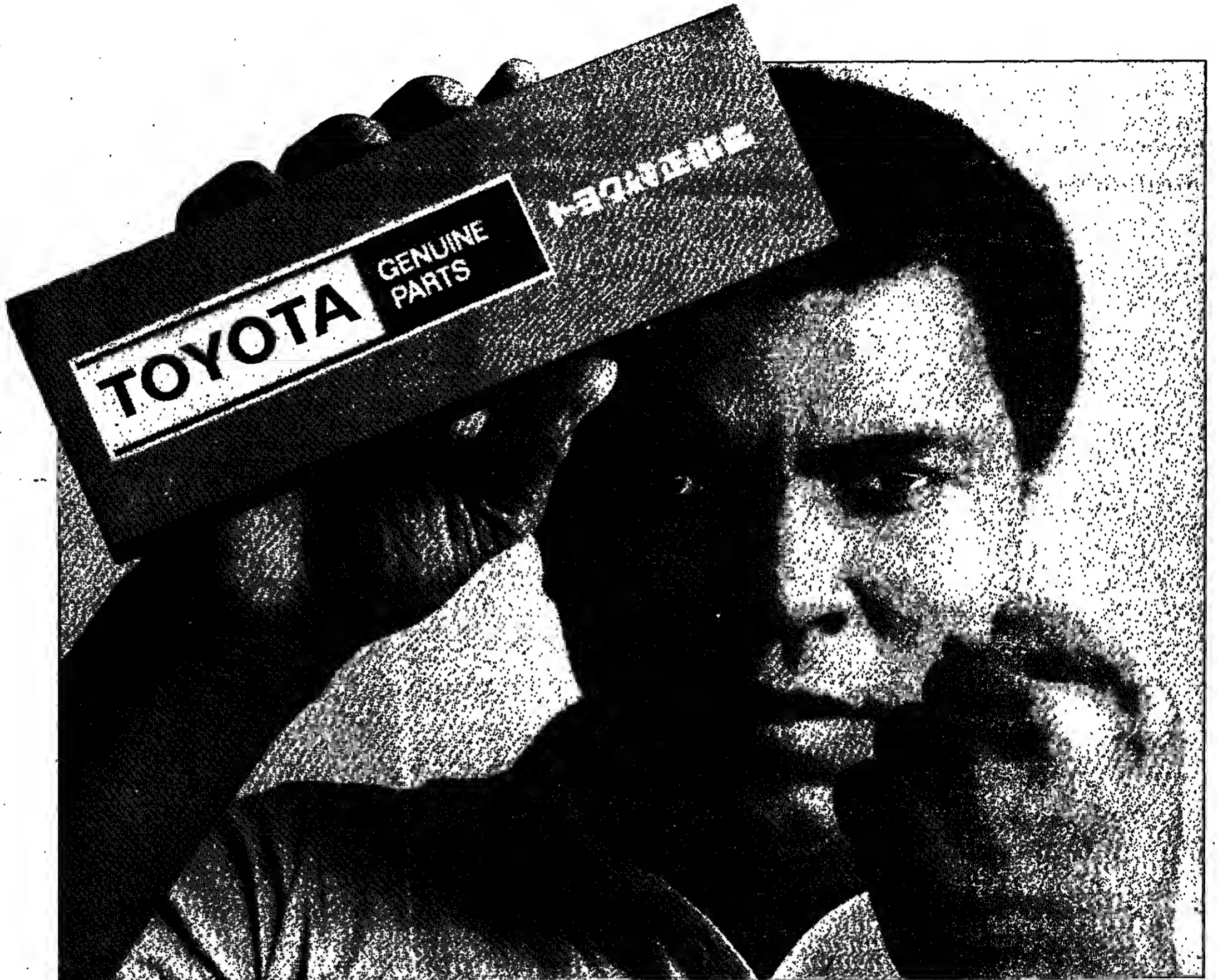
Chrysler, which has received \$1.9 billion in loans from the government in the last year, said it lost \$298 million in the 1981 first quarter on \$2.4 billion in revenues. Earlier, it reported \$1.71 billion in losses for 1980, the biggest loss in U.S. industrial history.

Ford, the second-largest U.S. car manufacturer, reported the industry's biggest dollar loss for the latest quarter — \$439 million on \$9.3 billion in sales. Tuesday, industry leader General Motors Corporation reported a

marginal profit of \$190 million on sales of \$15.72 billion.

Ford's loss also exceeded that of its 1980 first quarter, which totaled \$164 million on sales of \$9.6 billion. Chrysler's latest report, which follows a \$400 million instalment of government loans in February was an improvement over \$449 million loss it had on \$2.3 billion sales during the 1980 first quarter.

GM's first quarter profit of \$190 million compared with a gain of \$155 million a year earlier on nearly identical sales of \$15.71 billion. All three companies said they expected their results and the U.S. car industry generally to improve through 1981, beginning with the second quarter, but none set projections.



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Switzerland takes point off Hungary

LUCERNE, Switzerland, April 29 (R) — Hungary and Switzerland earned one point apiece in a 2-2 thriller in their World Soccer Cup European Group Four qualifying tie here Tuesday night.

Hungary will feel well pleased with their first appearance and must now be confident of challenging England and Romania for the two qualifying places for the finals in Spain next year.

Switzerland gained their first point from three outings through goals by Claudio Sulser in the 32nd and 47th minutes. But Hungary showed admirable fighting qualities and were well worth a draw with Laszlo Balint scoring in the 45th minute and Sandor Muller equalizing from the penalty spot 30 minutes after the interval.

Indeed, Hungary may live to regret the number of gilt-edged chances they wasted,

especially after Switzerland were reduced to 10 men in the second half when midfielder Heinz Hermann was sent off for retaliation.

In the European under-21 soccer championships, West Germany scored a fluent 4-0 victory over Austria. Voeller (2), Stenbing and Kempe being the scorers while England routed Romania 3-0 through goals by Heath (2) and Thompson.

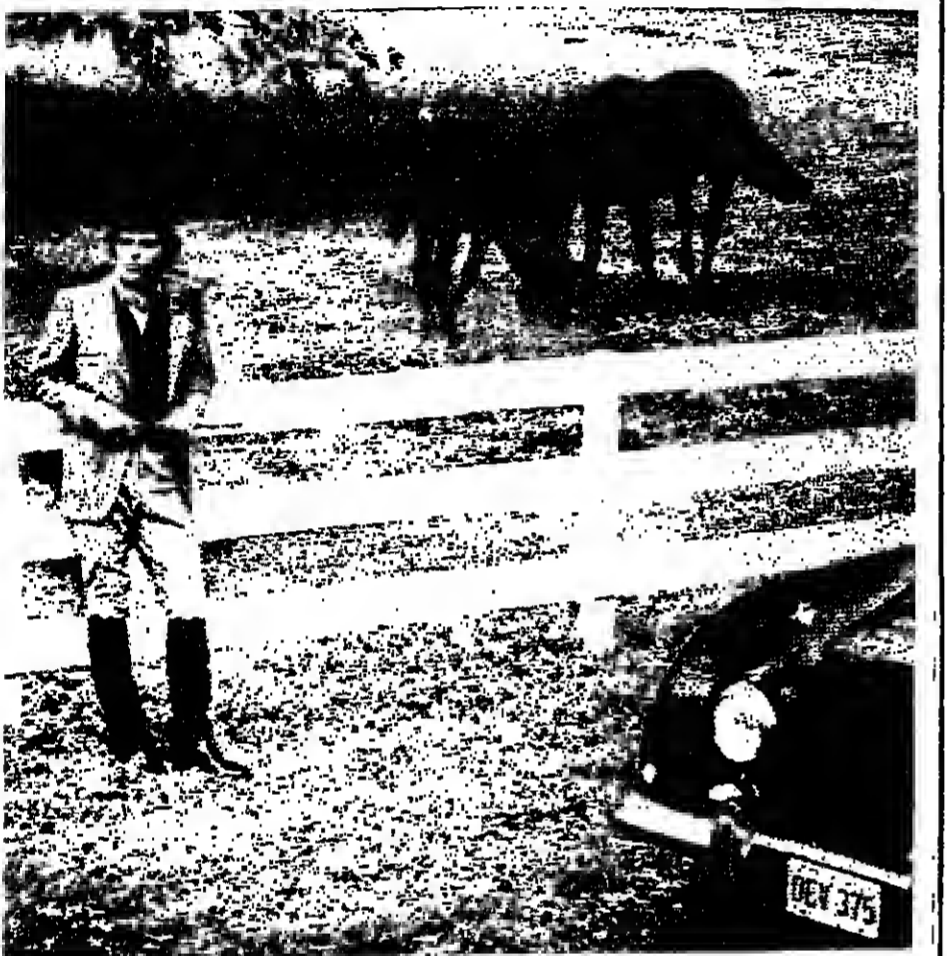
Yugoslavia and Greece played a 1-1 draw in Yugoslavia. Maric put Yugoslavia ahead in the 34th minute while Dinsikos restored parity for the Greeks.

Meanwhile, European footballer of the year Karl-Heinz Rummenigge was named the new captain of West Germany for the World Cup qualifying match against Austria. The blond Bayern Munich striker takes over from 33-year-old Bernhard Dietz who has been relegated to the substitute's bench to make way for another Bayern Munich player Paul Breitner.

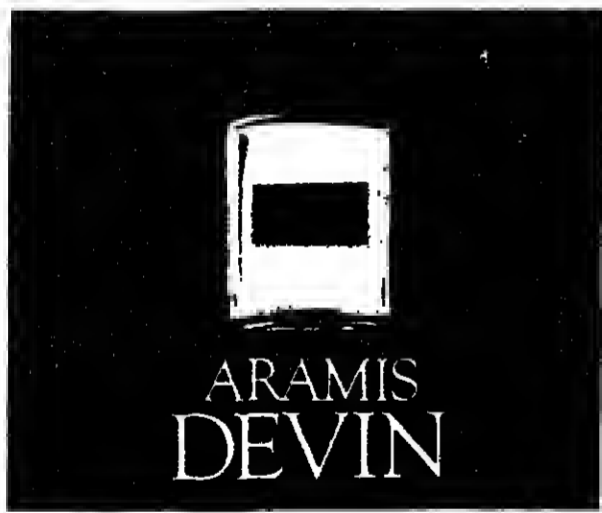
South African forward Andy Parkinson's third goal of the season at 77:15 snapped a 1-1 deadlock and gave Montreal Manic a 2-1 victory over Chicago Sting before a crowd of 15,467 in the lone North American Soccer League game Tuesday night.

Parkinson, who scored twice in the Manic's home opener April 18, went high into the air and headed team-mate Carmine Marcantonio's pass home. The Sting's midfielder Charley Fajkus scored at 1:46.

Results	
European under-21	
England	3 Romania 0
West Germany	4 Austria 0
Yugoslavia	1 Greece 1
World Cup qualifying	
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Kuwait qualifies

KUWAIT, April 29 (R) — Kuwait won the World Cup Soccer Asian Group Three qualifying Tournament beating South Korea 2-0, here Wednesday.

Kuwait, together with Saudi Arabia will be joined by the other two Asia-Oceania Group winners in the playoffs from which two nations will qualify for the finals in Spain.

The match began on a lethargic pace, but gradually gained momentum and in the second session both the teams were seen going all out for goals.

Kuwait, however, got the breakthrough when left winger Abdel-Aziz Al-Anbari grabbed a defensive clearance in the 50th minute and lobbed the ball into the goal from 20 yards out.

The Koreans exerted pressure and almost found the equalizer but the referee disallowed Chae Soon Ho's header which found the mark, for pushing the rival goalkeeper.

The Kuwaitis kept on the pressure and in consolidated their position through Nasser Al-Ghanem who scored with a stinging five-yarder.

Mayor to open sports meet

JEDDAH, April 29 — Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi has been invited to open the companies' sports championships, it was learnt here Wednesday. The final meeting in preparation for the championships was held at the Youth Welfare Wednesday under Ibrahim Al-Tunaimi, assistant director of the Youth Welfare in the Western Region.

The Games to be held from May 19, feature four disciplines, soccer, volleyball, tug-of-war and tennis. The soccer tournament sees 12 teams divided into three groups. Group 'A' comprises Abu Al-Jadayeel, Toyota, Amiantit and Saudia. Group 'B': Tihama, Hochief, Dallah and Mazda; while Datsun, Petromin, Dallah-Avco and Desalination make up Group 'C'.

Soccer should see keen competition as many well known players figure among the teams. Ahli's striker, Amin Dahu will don Saudia colors while Jamal Hamza and Yahya Amer will represent Amiantit. The Tihama team is trained by Said Abdul Munim, a former Tarasana player (Egypt) and includes several Tomisian players. Datsun also has several popular players while a few Germans will represent Hochief.

The tennis championships will see eight teams vying for the title. Group 'A' includes Dallah, Hochief, Amiantit and Petromin while Group 'B' comprises Saudia, Toyota, Datsun and Dallah-Avco.

Five teams will fight it out for the volleyball pennant while four for the tug-of-war crown.

Several companies have come forward to promote this two-week event. Amiantit donated SR20,000; Dallah-Avco SR20,000, Abu Al-Jadayeel SR10,000, Datsun SR10,000 and Tihama SR5,000.

Kingdom Squash to feature 16 stars

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DHAHRAN, April 29 — The second annual Kingdom Squash Championships to be held on Thursday and Friday will feature 16 top players.

The stars, four from Jeddah, four from Riyadh and eight from the Eastern Province will be split into four groups and the top two winners from each group will qualify for the quarterfinals which will be held on Friday morning. The semifinals at noon and the final at 5 p.m. at the University of Petroleum and Minerals squash courts.

Spearheading the Jeddah outfit will be Al Noor from Egypt, one of the world's top junior players. Mustapha Hussein, Latif Rafique (Dhahran), Kim Eeles and an ex-international from Sweden. Rolf Homes to come a few.

McEnroe moves up

DALLAS, Texas, April 29 (AFP) — American John McEnroe qualified for the semifinals of the World Championship Tennis (WCT) Tournament here beating his compatriot Sandy Mayer 7-5, 6-4, 6-3 Tuesday. McEnroe had a relatively easy time with Mayer but the star, often dubbed "super brat", still received two warnings for unsportsmanlike conduct.



OFF GUARD: Philadelphia's Mathew Saad Muhammad (left) is all set to use his right as he catches the Scottish-born challenger Murray Sutherland off guard in the World Boxing Council light-heavyweight championship bout Saturday. Muhammad won with a ninth round knock-out.

In National League Reds crush Padres

NEW YORK, April 29 (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds scored eight times in the fifth inning to support the eight-hit pitching of Tom Seaver and trounce the San Diego Padres 11-2 Tuesday night.

Seaver was the only Cincinnati player who did not score in the fifth when the Reds sent 13 batters to the plate against three San Diego pitchers.

The 36-year-old right-hander walked two and struck out five as he posted his first complete game in five starts and won his second game in three decisions.

The Reds put the game away in the fifth after Tim Lollar's first Major League homer had cut the Reds' lead to 3-2. Dan Driessen, Ron Oester and Ken Griffey delivered RBI hits, Joe Nolan was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. Dave Concepcion hit a sacrifice fly, reliever John Urrea uncorked a run-scoring wild pitch and the Reds scored two more runs on an error.

In other National League action, Chris Speier's first of three hits drove home a sixth-inning run, triggering the Montreal Expos to a 6-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Jose Cruz drilled a pair of hits, including a solo fourth-inning home run, to back the combined three-hit pitching of Don Sutton and Dave Smith and give the struggling Houston Astros a 2-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Rick Rhoden scattered nine hits and Dave Parker collected fourth hits, leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to an 8-0 decision over the New York Mets.

In the American League, Pete Redfern

pitched a five-hitter to lead Minnesota to a 4-1 decision over the Seattle Mariners. Richie Zisk hit a home run for the fifth straight game for Seattle and is within one of the American League record for homers in consecutive games.

Barry Foote and Willie Randolph slammed dome runs and Tommy John pitched a six-hitter as the New York Yankees defeated Detroit 4-1, extending the Tigers' losing string to nine games.

Ken Macha's two-run double keyed a four-run sixth inning, and Lloyd Moseby and Otto Velez both added solo homers, powering the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers in a game that was twice delayed by rain.

Pat Putnam walloped a three-run homer on five hits as the Rangers thumped the Red Sox 9-0. Doubles by Bill Almon and Tony Bernazard keyed a six-run, second-inning explosion that carried the Chicago White Sox to an 8-6 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Two games were rained out — Kansas City at Cleveland in the AL and St. Louis at Chicago in the NL.

In late NL action on the west coast, Alan Ripley fired a three-hitter and Jack Clark slugged a three-run homer to lead the San Francisco Giants to a 6-1 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

In the AL, Steve Renko, in his first start of the season, combined with reliever Don Aase for a fourth-hitter as the California Angels beat the suddenly punchless Oakland A's 3-1.

U.S. medal hopes fade

LONG BEACH, California, April 29 (AP) — The Soviet Union scored a 10-6 victory over Yugoslavia in the FINA World Water-Polo Cup competition here Tuesday night. The victory left the Soviets as the only unbeaten team in the round-robin competition.

In other games, the United States battled to a 4-4 tie with Spain; Cuba nipped Bulgaria 7-6, and Hungary blasted Australia 13-7.

The Soviets are 4-0; Yugoslavia is 3-1; the U.S. and Cuba are both 3-1-1; Hungary is 2-2; Australia is 1-3; Spain is 0-2-2 and Bulgaria is 0-4.

The Americans saw their hopes for a medal dim considerably as they were held to a tie by the winless Spaniards. Rafael Aguilar scored the tying goal with only three seconds to play.

Orlando Cowley scored with 58 seconds remaining to give Cuba its one-goal victory over Bulgaria. The Cubans rallied from a 4-0 deficit to win. Vassil Nanov of Bulgaria was the game's top-scorer with three goals.

Ex-boxing champ Walker dies

NEW JERSEY, April 29 (AP) — Mickey Walker, the former welterweight and middleweight boxing champion who was nicknamed the "Toy Bulldog" because of his aggressive, teacup style, died Tuesday at Freeland area hospital. He was 79. Dr. L. Glenn Barklow, his physician, said the primary cause of Walker's death was Parkinson's disease.

Walker, born Edward Patrick Walker on July 13, 1901, and elected to boxing's Hall of Fame had 162 pro fights between 1919 and 1935. He fought at weights from 147 pounds up to 170 and took on several top heavyweights, including Max Schmeling, Primo Camera and Jack Sharkey.

Meanwhile, Colin Jones, of Wales, retained his British and Commonwealth welterweight title when he stopped former holder Kirkland Laing, of Nottingham, England, in the ninth round at London's Royal Albert Hall Tuesday night.

A stinging left hook put Laing flat on his back on the canvas and although the challenger managed to climb to his feet, the referee stopped the contest seconds later with Laing unable to defend himself.

National League						American League					
EAST		W	L	PCT.	GB	EAST		W	L	PCT.	GB
St. Louis	9	2	.818	1		Cleveland	7	4	.636	4 1/2	
Montreal	12	3	.800	—		New York	10	6	.625	—	
Philadelphia	11	6	.647	2		Milwaukee	8	6	.571	1	
Pittsburgh	5	6	.455	5		Boston	7	7	.500	2	
New York	4	8	.333	6 1/2		Detroit	7	10	.412	3 1/2	
Chicago	1	13	.081	11 1/2		Baltimore	5	8	.385	3 1/2	
						Toronto	6	11	.353	4 1/2	
WEST						WEST					
Los Angeles	14	4	.778	—		Cincinnati	17	3	.850	—	
Cincinnati	9	7	.563	4		Chicago	11	4	.733	3 1/2	
Atlanta	9	8	.529	4 1/2		Texas	6	5	.533	6 1/2	
San Francisco	8	12	.400	7		California	10	9	.526	6 1/2	
San Diego	6	12	.333	8		Milwaukee	5	12	.294	10 1/2	
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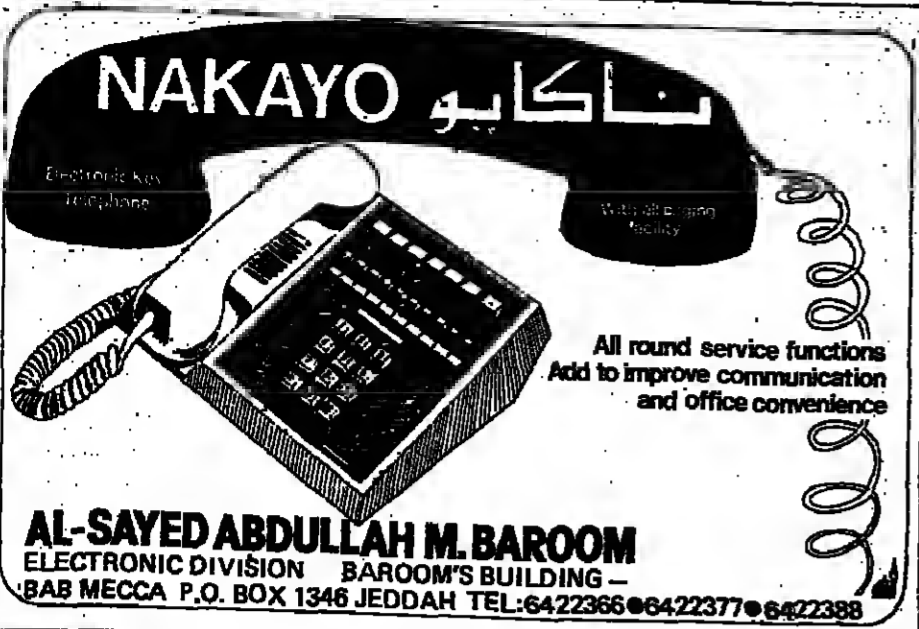
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Opening lead — king of spades.

There are no magic rules to guide you to the best opening lead, and often the wrong choice will produce a disastrous result. Consider this deal where South got to six clubs doubled. Perhaps East should have opened three spades, which might have put the opponents out of the bidding. Instead he started with one spade, permitting North-South to get together in clubs. West's spade lead was very doubtful, for he should have

realized that North's cuebid was on the level and that a spade lead would accomplish nothing. Whether West should have led a diamond or a heart is debatable — without seeing all four hands — but his actual lead proved fatal. Declarer ruffed the spade in dummy and led the queen of clubs, East following low. South made a good guess by going up with the ace and leading five rounds of hearts, discarding all his diamonds in the process. West ruffed the fifth heart, but that was the only trick for the defense. As a result, declarer made the slam, scoring 1,600 points — instead of going down one, 200 points, which would have been his portion had West led a diamond originally. Had West realized that a spade lead was wrong, he might have led a heart — in which case declarer would still have made the contract. But then again, West might have led a diamond — in which case the slam would have failed. His actual lead, a spade, could produce only a negative result — since North was bound to be void of spades — whereas a diamond or heart lead had a good chance to produce a positive result. In effect, West's spade lead misfired, because he failed to eliminate the negative and accentuate the positive.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Job pressures mount, so watch a tendency to escapism. You may be self-indulgent regarding spending. Curb your spendthrift ways.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Plans for pleasure may not work out as you hoped. Don't spend a lot of money chasing after good times. Choose a more moderate course.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) In some ways you may be pressured by a friend. Don't be careless on the job, or make promises that you won't be able to keep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You'll meet with unscrupulous types in business. It's a poor time to sign papers. Someone points a sign but inaccurate picture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Hold fast to the purse strings. Expenses quite innocently escalate. A friend is not quite honest with you. Expect to hear excuses.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Don't be a victim of the hard sell. In a moment of weakness you could give in when you shouldn't. See things in their true light.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Turn the key 3 VIP at 5 Steam 7 Down 10 Throb 4 Rosewell 11 Japanese garment 5 See (Lat.) 12 Spanish — 6 Son (Fr.) 13 Poem 7 Booking site 14 Beverage 8 Erstwhile 15 New Guinea 9 Muscle town 11 Austral. bear 23 Sky path 32 Muscular 15 Evil grin 24 Marshal 35 Clay 16 "Ain't — Shame?" 18 Toward Dillon mooking 17 San —, Calif. shelter 26 Ship to plate 19 Townsman 21 Green remember 36 Never 20 Olive genus 22 Role for an also-ran 29 Italian city 30 Register Bustlead's nickname

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4:00	Go Show	8:00	World News	12:00	World News	2:00	World News
4:30	Black Beauty	8:30	World News	12:30	World News	2:30	World News
5:00	Documentary	9:00	World News	1:00	World News	3:00	World News
5:30	Dukes of Hazzard	9:30	World News	1:30	World News	3:30	World News
6:00	The Jeffersons	10:00	World News	2:00	World News	4:00	World News
6:30	The Virginians	10:30	World News	2:30	World News	4:30	World News
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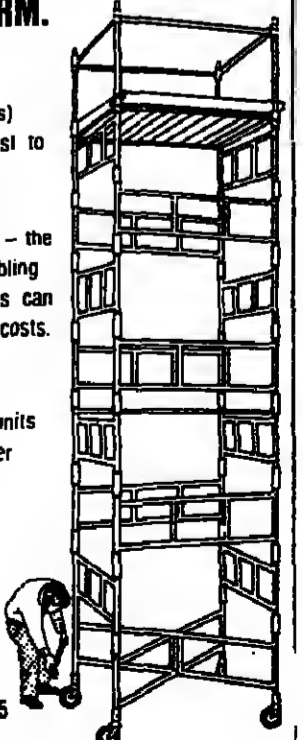
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Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

Sands hovers closer to death

Government rules out policy shift

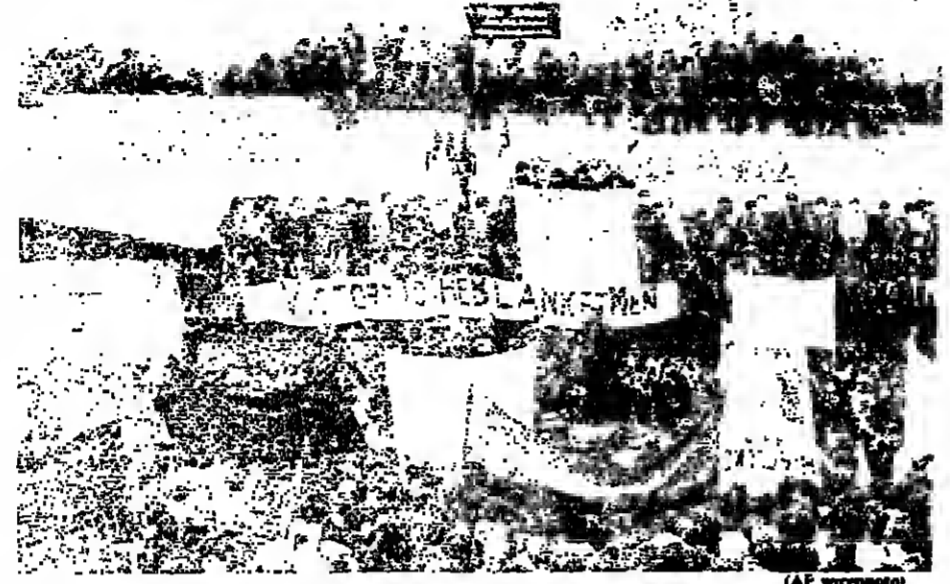
BELFAST, April 29 (Agencies) — Jailed Irish Republican Army militant Bobby Sands hovered between life and death Wednesday on the 60th day of his hunger strike in the Maze prison. He was reported drifting occasionally into unconsciousness.

A spokesman for Sinn Fein, IRA's political wing, said Sands was in danger of dying "at any moment". The 27-year-old guerrilla was refusing food as he neared the end of his second month on water-only diet. The spokesman said he has shed 25 kilos in weight since starting his fast March 1.

Meanwhile, a personal envoy of Pope John Paul II, the Rev. John Magee, met with Britain's top minister in Northern Ireland Wednesday before he went to the Maze prison for a second time to try to save Sands' life. British authorities in Northern Ireland said they agreed to the meeting between Magee and Northern Ireland Secretary of State Humphrey Atkins "on the clear understanding that there would be no change in government policy concerning the hunger striker."

The Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has refused to give in to Sands' demands which amount to political status for jailed IRA activists.

Meanwhile, some 2,000 members of the Protestant Ulster Defense Association (UDA) staged a "mobilization exercise"



RALLYING FOR SANDS: Part of a huge crowd at a Belfast rally Sunday to support the hunger strikers, particularly Bobby Sands who is dangerously close to death.

here late Tuesday night, patrolling for several hours in the Shankill area of the city. A UDA spokesman said they were showing the "defense capacity" of the local population in case of "republican provocation" should Sands die.

Some of the marchers were masked, and a number came from other Protestant parts of the capital. They appeared to be unarmed. Large police contingents stood by at the limits of the Shankill, which is Unionist (British loyalist) bastion, but did not intervene at any moment.

The UDA is the province's main loyalist paramilitary movement. It last mounted such a show of force at the time of a mass loyalist strike here in 1977.

UDA chief Any Tyrrie told newsmen the UDA could "very rapidly" mobilize several thousand men to defend the sector should the police fail to contain any IRA "incursions". It could do the same in all the other Protestant part of the capital, he said. Tyrrie refused to say what weapons his men had. In the Catholic Ardoyne enclave, there were isolated but fierce clashes for two hours Tuesday night. Young demonstrators lobbed many firebombs at police and British soldiers, who fired back several times with plastic bullets. No casualties were reported.

Unions back Mitterrand

PARIS, April 29 (RI) — The French Communist-led CGT Union grouping Wednesday called on its members to back Socialist Francois Mitterrand in the runoff for the presidency against incumbent Valery Giscard d'Estaing on May 10. The CGT move echoed Tuesday's decision by the Communist Party to back Mitterrand following last Sunday's humiliating defeat of Communist Party leader Georges Marchais in the first round of presidential balloting.

The first round left only Mitterrand and Giscard d'Estaing in the race. All the country's main left-wing parties and union groupings have now come out in favor of Mitterrand in the straight fight against the president.

Socialists, Communists and three smaller left-wing groups fielded separate candidates on the first ballot. The CGT backed Marchais while the Socialist-leaning CFDT supported Mitterrand.

The CGT decision to back Mitterrand was taken unanimously at a special session of its executive committee, union sources said. CGT General Secretary Georges Seguy attended Tuesday's Communist Party meeting which analyzed the defeat of Marchais and reluctantly endorsed Mitterrand.

Marchais said on television Tuesday night that the decision to support the Socialist candidate did not amount to giving him a blank check. The Communist leader said his party would demand ministerial posts in a left-wing government, a demand rejected by Mitterrand unless the Communists loosen their ties with Moscow.

Marchais added that the Communists were not renouncing any of their campaign objectives, prompting the conservative daily *Le Figaro* to comment: "How things are dear... Either the Communists share power if Mitterrand is elected, or they will cause unrest." *Le Figaro*, which strongly supports Giscard d'Estaing, was echoing one of his main campaign themes — that Mitterrand would be a prisoner of the Communists.

The independent daily *Le Quotidien de Paris*, saying that the Communists' aim over the past decade has been to prevent the Socialists gaining ground on the left at their expense, headlined: "The Communists take the risk of giving Mitterrand victory."

Two other political leaders also announced Wednesday that they were calling on their supporters to vote Mitterrand on May 10.

To bar Mujahedeen Afghanistan sealing frontier

ISLAMABAD, April 29 (RI) — Soviet and Afghan armies are reported to be trying again to seal the mountainous frontier with Pakistan to keep freedom fighters out of Afghanistan, diplomats in Kabul said in despatches arriving here Wednesday. The diplomats, quoting reliable sources, said the Afghan army was reported to be in the forefront with Soviet forces providing the backup.

They said the army recently left its barracks in main cities while there had been a significant movement of Soviet troops and armor toward the eastern border provinces, scene of reported heavy fighting during the last two weeks. The despatches said the Kabul authorities estimated that up to 15,000 Mujahedeen infiltrated into Afghanistan recently after spending some time in refugee camps across the border.

The diplomats quoted Mujahedeen as saying small boys were using sling-hurled stones to explode thousands of fist-sized plastic anti-personnel mines scattered by Soviet planes over border mountain passes in last year's border-sealing effort.

The mines, Mujahedeen said, caused numerous casualties and an initial setback last year but were neutralized quickly and no longer restricted trans-frontier movement.

Meanwhile, Mujahedeen attacks continued in the southern city of Kandahar despite efforts by Soviet armor and troops to bring the city under control, Western diplomatic sources said in New Delhi Wednesday.

A small petrol storage depot just outside the city was blown up by Mujahedeen who also attacked a municipal building in the center of Kandahar and took two dozen sub-machine guns, the sources said.

Mujahedeen had also been active over the past two weeks in Logar province south of Kabul. A source reported that 12 Afghan army tanks, two armored personnel carriers and a mobile crane were destroyed in an ambush on April 8.

Students protest S. Africa election

JOHANNESBURG, April 29 (AFP) — Thousands of colored (mixed race) high school students classes here Wednesday in protest against the South African general election, which is restricted to whites only. A student spokesman said that pupils had been boycotting classes since Monday.

"The main reason we are protesting is because of the general election today. Our parents have so long been denied the right to franchise," the spokesman added. The black, colored and Asian communities have no voting rights in Wednesday's election for the 165-seat House of Assembly.

America informs India of nuclear fuel stoppage

NEW DELHI, April 29 (Agencies) — The United States has told India that it can no longer supply nuclear fuel for the Tarapur atomic plant near Bombay, Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao said Wednesday. Rao told Parliament the two countries were studying how to terminate a 30-year nuclear cooperation agreement under which the United States was contracted to supply uranium for the American-built plant.

The U.S. Nuclear Non-proliferation Act of 1968 prohibits the United States from supplying nuclear fuel or equipment to countries like India which are not parties to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty or do not accept international safeguards on all nuclear installations.

Rao said: "The policy of the government of

Polish leader pledges major reforms in party

WARSAW, April 29 (Agencies) — The Polish Communist Party chief, Stanislaw Kania, Wednesday set July 14-18 for a special national party congress and pledged to continue the process of democratic reform. Opening the plenary session of the party's policy-making central committee, he promised greater democracy in the ruling party and accepted grass-roots criticisms that reforms had moved too slowly since last summer's labor revolt.

But he said the Polish party must retain the right to influence key sectors in society and said that all reforms must be based on the principles of true Marxism-Leninism. Kania said resolving crises by peaceful political means had become the rule. "Our line continues to remain the line of understanding, but also the line of struggle," he added.

Kania's speech contained no essentially new statements on the Polish situation and there was no hint that the visit to Warsaw last week by the Kremlin's chief ideologist Mikhail Suslov had led to any major reversal of the reformist thrust. Kania also told party members that the Soviet bloc was closely following events in Poland and he reaffirmed the country's allegiance to its eastern bloc alliances.

The party congress is expected to ratify the reforms won by Polish workers and farmers and chart the country's future course, the official news agency PAP reported. The news agency said the agenda of the 140-member central committee included "organizational matters," indicating personnel changes were coming — "guidelines for the development of Socialist democracy, strengthening the leading role of the party... stabilization of the

Iraq reports fierce fighting

BAGHDAD, April 29 (RI) Fierce fighting has been taking place during the past two days in Iraq's western Kermanshah province, with Iraqi forces making successive air attacks on Iranian positions, reliable sources said here Wednesday. Iraqi military communiques have reported heavy casualties on the Iranian side, and all types of weapons were used in the fighting, including tanks.

Iraq usually uses the air force to relieve its ground forces or whenever Iranian military concentrations are spotted. A high command communique Tuesday night referred to five raids by Iraqi planes and said 181 Iranians were killed during a 4-hour period. Ground

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

A man — name no names... learned that his boss and his wife (the wife of the boss, that is) are simply in love with the great jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald. And the lady was in town for a show. That's funny, he thought to himself. I with my good wife, also love Ella. At least, we are suddenly experiencing this inexplicable surge of love. Nothing to do with the boss and his views on the matter, of course. But why not, in any case, invite the respected couple to the show. First class tickets only of course. Evening dress and all that.

He made a reservation, and the party gathered, promising itself the experience of a lifetime. Ella is so seldom in town these days. So difficult to get tickets. But here we are, four front seat tickets; and the party dressed to match.

The place — at least the front rows, to which the foursome made their way — was adrip with fur and jewelry and the most expensive perfume (and this was only the men...) But as the group reached to what it thought its seats, people were already sitting there. Excuse me, but you're in my seat. Excuse me, but I'm not. Here are my tickets. And here are mine. Some people, really! Can't we talk this over in a civilized manner...

Attendants came running. Inspected tickets on all sides. Told the two couples: Sorry. That was for yesterday's show. Here, it's quite clearly written. There are two shows you see. Sorry. But you're holding the show.

Boss looking daggers. His wife distraught. Boss thinking Smithers will never make it. Can't even handle a simple thing like a party reservation.

Moral. With the boss, always play it safe. Send flowers. That sort of thing.

Translated from Ashraq Al Awsat

It's chips at Commons

LONDON, April 29 (AFP) — It's chips with everything at the House of Commons restaurant from now on — and no fancy foreign names for them like "French potatoes." This solemn decision was taken Tuesday by the subcommittee responsible for the house restaurant which has received "a number of complaints about foreign names on the Menu." So no more "consomme" or "oeufs pochés a la florentine" but "clear soup" and "egg with spinach."

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